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## Chatham lifeguards honored by Red Cross

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CHATHAM-TWP. -- Chatham Township Mayor Nicole Hanger proclaimed March as American Red Cross month presenting Colonial Crossroads Chapter Executive Director Christy Hodde with a commemorative plaque.



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RED CROSS MONTH -- Chatham Township proclaimed March as American Red Cross month with Mayor Nicole Hanger, right, reading the proclamation to Colonial Crossroads Chapter Executive Director Christy Hodde.

"This kind of acknowledgement is wonderful," Hodde said. "We are a very vibrant chapter that is connected locally while we respond at the state, national and now international level."

With its network of 500 volunteers, the chapter responded to 17 disasters assisting 27 families and sheltering 36 individuals. The chapter collected more than 2,100 units of blood and provided more than 4,500 free rides to seniors for medical appointments. While they are responders, the Red Cross volunteers are also educators training more than 18,000 people a year to help them save lives.

Hodde recognized two young women, trained through the Red Cross Lifeguarding program, who saved a two-year old from drowning at the Colony Pool last summer. Kristen Scaglione and

Kathleen Lavelle were both given the American Red Cross Award for the Professional Responder, one of the highest awards given by the Red Cross.

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LIFESAVERS -- Kristen Scaglione and Kathleen Lavelle were given the American Red Cross Award for Professional Responders for saving the life of a two-year old girl while they were lifeguarding at Colony Pool last summer.