



## **American Red Cross**

*Collier County Chapter*  
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive  
Naples, FL 34119

**Contact:** Deborah Horvath, CEO  
239-596-6868 x 16

***For Immediate Release:***

### **Red Cross Goal Set at 1,000 Holiday Stockings for the Troops**

October 23, 2009 – (*Naples, FL*) By any conceivable measure, Denise Rowe, volunteer and Health & Safety Assistant for the American Red Cross Collier County Chapter, has done extraordinary things for the local community. With the summertime project of collecting school supplies for over 800 homeless children of Collier County completed a couple of months ago, it is truly remarkable that Rowe is already organizing a “Stockings For the Troops” program at the local Red Cross. Rowe’s determination to reach this year’s goal of 1,000 stockings for the troops is as inevitable as sunsets in Naples. Residents, businesses, and organizations are being asked to start the process of collecting items as soon as possible.

“This is our fourth year and we will focus on the items that we’ve been told the troops will use and enjoy. We are hoping, too, that some individuals and groups will offer to sew and make the stockings. We will also need volunteers to help stuff the stockings,” said Ms. Rowe.

The items that are requested include:

Small Nerf footballs

Dice

Hackey sacks

Playing cards

Anything fun for them to do

Sunglasses

Gum

Monetary donations (for

Small puzzle books

postage)

Bug Wipes

Baby Wipes

Candy

Visit our Website at [www.colliercountyredcross.org](http://www.colliercountyredcross.org) for the full list

We are desperately looking to the community as donations for this project are just not coming in as they have in the past.

It is asked that all donations please be dropped off at the chapter by November 4, 2009. We will be stuffing the stockings at the Chapter November 12, 2009 at 4pm.

The American Red Cross  
Collier County Chapter  
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive  
Naples, FL 34119

Please contact Denise Rowe or Deanna Cleary with any questions at 239-596-6868.

*The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross Movement.*

###

