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American Red Cross Teams Up With Papa John's and WICS-TV to Provide Free Fans to Those in Need

The American Red Cross has teamed up with Papa John's and WICS-TV News Channel 20 for the News Channel 20/Papa John's Fan Club. This partnership helps provide electric fans for low-income families, seniors and others who are in need of box fans for the hot months ahead.

On Wednesday, July 12th, Papa John's restaurants in Central Illinois donated \$1 from each pizza sold to purchase fans for those in need. Free-will donations were also accepted at all participating store locations.

The money raised through Fan Club helps the Red Cross provide fans to individuals without a fan or air conditioning who need protection from the summer heat.

Due to the extreme heat index that is expected this weekend, the American Red Cross decided today to move up the fan delivery date to tomorrow, Saturday, July 15, 2006. Over 115 box fans will be distributed to residents.

All individuals who have contacted the American Red Cross by noon on Friday, July 14, will receive a box fan delivered by a volunteer on Saturday, July 15 between 9am – 11am. If any box fans are leftover after deliveries on Saturday morning, individuals will be able to pick up box fans early next week at the Red Cross office.

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Red Cross Offers July Babysitter's Training

Springfield, IL: The Illinois Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is announcing its July Babysitter's Training program. The class is open to all individuals meeting minimum requirements for participation, listed below.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training – Provides skills necessary in developing safe and responsible care techniques for children including, but not limited to first aid skills, choosing safe toys and games for children, diapering and feeding techniques, and guidance on interviewing for babysitting jobs.

Date/Time: Saturday, July 22
9:00am - 2:00pm @ American Red Cross, 1045 Outer Park

Minimum Requirements: Participants must be a minimum of 11 years old by training date

Cost: \$30, includes manual and babysitters first-aid kit

Registration: Call the American Red Cross at (217) 522-3357 or 1-888-343-5766 to register

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