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**Carl Baker Joins American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter
As Director of Government and External Relations**

Springfield, IL: The Illinois Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is proud to announce and welcome its newest staff member. Carl Baker has joined the Illinois Capital Area Chapter as Director of Government and External Relations for Illinois.

His responsibilities will include advocating the interests of and developing and maintaining working partnerships on behalf of the American Red Cross with Illinois State Government and pertinent groups and associations. This position is also responsible for developing and promoting a legislative agenda that supports the mission and goals of the American Red Cross in Illinois.

"Baker will serve as an excellent advocate for the interests of the American Red Cross to the members of the Illinois General Assembly and other government officials. We look forward to his experience in helping the American Red Cross to enhance the services provided in communities throughout Illinois," said Scott Clarke, Chairman of Government and External Relations for the American Red Cross of Illinois.

Baker was formerly the Director of Regional Medical Programs and Government Relations at SIU School of Medicine.

He graduated from Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois at Springfield, with a bachelor's and master's degree in political science. Baker is pursuing a Ph.D. in health education and health policy.

"I think working for the Red Cross is a good fit for me. It's an organization that I strongly believe in and feel honored to be a part of the team," said Baker.

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