

## Poking Fun: PPARC, Bonfils, Sam's Club Team Up for Their Second Blood Drive

Pikes Peak Chapter's Americorps VISTA volunteers, John Memmer and Mary Lowery, have partnered with Bonfils Blood Services and Sam's Club to help save lives through blood collection.

The blood drive is the second partnership between the three organizations and will be held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the Sam's Club on South Academy Boulevard. Not only will Bonfils be supplying the usual after-puncture snacks, but as an added bonus they will be handing out free long sleeved tee shirts as a thank you to donors.

Anyone wishing to participate is welcome to make an appointment with John Memmer by emailing [jmemmer@pparc.org](mailto:jmemmer@pparc.org) or calling 719-785-2752, however walk-ins are always welcome.

During the blood drive, the Pikes Peak Chapter VISTAs will set up an informational booth to continue spreading the message of preparedness by way of the *Be Red Cross Ready* program steps: Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed. This message is the main focus of the VISTAs time with the Red Cross, and presentations are offered as a free service to the public. Anyone who knows of an organization interested in this type of disaster education presentation, please contact either John or Mary at 719-785-2700.

### News in a Flash

#### Each One, Reach One First Quarter Winners

Our first ever *Each One, Reach One* winners are Pat Chappell, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Chair and Health Services member, and Fawn Fredrickson, Volunteer and Youth Services volunteer. Pat and Fawn tied for first place by successfully recruiting one new volunteer each. Each will receive two free movie passes to Cinemark theaters.

Next quarter's, January through March, will be announced in the April edition of *Peak Press*, just in time for our annual Volunteer Recognition Event to be held Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you Pat and Fawn for spreading the Red Cross word and extending the reach of our vital volunteer force!

## First in Red Cross Winter Safety Tips Series Airs on Fox News

Americorps VISTA volunteer, John Memmer, has secured a media spot for the Pikes Peak Chapter American Red Cross on Fox News.

The first newscast aired on Thursday, December 19, 2007 at 9:00 p.m. and will be followed by additional weekly spots highlighting Red Cross recommended winter safety tips. The initial spot included information on the difference between a snow advisory, a winter storm warning and blizzard warning. Log on to [Fox21news.com](http://Fox21news.com) to view the complete piece.

Additional home fire prevention tips can be found by visiting [www.pparc.org](http://www.pparc.org) and clicking on December 19, 2007 in the featured "News" box.