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Helping hand

Responding to disasters is what drew **Kathleen J. Patterson** to the Inland Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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“Growing up I always admired the American Red Cross,” says Kathleen J. Patterson, now the immediate past chair of the organization’s Inland Valley Chapter. “Wherever disasters struck in the world, the American Red Cross would be there.” So when she was asked several years ago to join her local board, she accepted readily, and has since served in several positions, chairing the board for two years. She is in charge of fundraising for her chapter, which includes Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Lytle Creek, Montclair, Mt. Baldy, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

Her own experience working with survivors of tragedy has deepened her character and made the time spent worthwhile, Patterson says, despite the competing demands of her professional schedule.

Patterson is an associate attorney at the Ontario office of Kring & Chung, where she specializes in business and construction law. “My firm has a very strong commitment to give back to the community,” she says, and supports her volunteer work. She is also involved with children’s charities and the arts. Patterson lives in Chino, where she is a member of the city planning commission.

For more information about the American Red Cross, contact the Inland Valley Chapter at (909) 986-6651 or visit www.inlandvalleyredcross.org. The 125-year-old charity also organizes blood drives, supplies health information and first aid services at community events, and offers help to military families.

