



**American
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Michelle Percello and Tom Lee share Volunteer of the Year *Lee County Recognition Dinner honors all volunteers*

FORT MYERS, April 3 – The American Red Cross of Lee County, for the first time in recorded history, shared Volunteer of the Year honors with two volunteers, Michelle Percello of Fort Myers and Tom Lee of North Fort Myers.

At Thursday's Hawaiian-themed volunteer recognition dinner, all Lee County Red Cross volunteers were honored for their service.

Both Percello and Lee were integral in major events in the past year including the Red Cross's extended sheltering operation following Tropical Storm Fay.

"They are incredibly responsive and are two of the most dependable volunteers we have – they're real joys to work with," said Carlene Sharples, Disaster Services Chair.

Percello is the lead volunteer for community projects, a role that transformed during Fay as she ran our mobile feeding sites following the flood.

Lee is the lead technology volunteer, a jack-of-all-trades tasked with organizing and employing technology and communication functions.

Among the long list of successful projects they participated in, Percello and Lee were both anchors of the Red Cross float-building project, which earned second place in the Edison Festival of Light Parade.

Also honored were dozens of volunteers for both the hours and years of service they've contributed. Service to the Armed Forces volunteers received special recognition as did Jan George, who celebrates her 55th year of service with the Red Cross.



The Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. It provides training in life-saving skills and mobilizes relief to victims of disasters in addition to assisting members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, making donations, registering for a class or volunteering, call 278-3401, or log on to arclcc.org. The American Red Cross of Lee County is a proud member of the United Way of Lee County.