



**American
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Tiffany Circle Women are Red Cross Heroes *Unique major gift program introduced in Lee, Collier County*

FORT MYERS, Oct 20 – A group of two dozen women from Lee and Collier Counties shared brunch while learning about the Red Cross Tiffany Circle, a society of women leaders and philanthropists.

By investing \$10,000 annually in their local American Red Cross chapters, these women follow in the footsteps of a long line of women leaders who have helped the Red Cross serve the American public in times of war and peace with disaster assistance, blood collection, safety training and countless other community assistance services.

Sonya Sawyer, a Lee County Red Cross board member and CFO of Home-Tech, received special recognition as the charter member of the Lee County Tiffany Circle.

The name Tiffany and the \$10,000 amount have historical precedent. The society is named for the beautiful Tiffany windows in the Board of Governors Hall at Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, D.C. These windows, produced by the Tiffany Studios, were commissioned by Red Cross President Mabel Boardman in 1917. As an act of reconciliation and hope, they were paid for with a \$5,000 gift from the Women's Relief Corps of the North and \$5,000 from the United Daughters of the Confederacy of the South.

The women in these windows personify virtues at work in the Red Cross Movement: hope, mercy, faith, charity, truth and fortitude. Members of the Tiffany Circle provide living examples of these virtues in their local communities, by ensuring the Red Cross has the ability to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to life's emergencies.

For more information about the Tiffany Circle, contact Director of Development Kari Hennagin at 239-278-3401.



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.