

Laurie Kosek Testimonial: Client

In Monroe County, a Red Cross volunteer rushes to a disaster scene to help someone who has **suddenly lost everything in a fire.**

“I was in total shock,” Laurie recalled. Laurie Kosek is one of the thousands of people who have been helped by the American Red Cross following a house fire. The American Red Cross of Monroe County is here to give emergency and emotional support to families experiencing such a disaster. Laurie and her husband lost everything in the fire including basic necessities. “They asked if I needed anything and sat with me in my neighbor’s yard for about an hour in the middle of the night,” Laurie explained. To assist families, the American Red Cross partners with local, state and federal governments; community organizations; and individuals and corporate supporters to offer and provide emergency shelter, food, and health resources and referrals to aid in recovery. We also provide canteen support (snacks and beverages) to the emergency workers who are the first to respond when disaster strikes. “They were absolutely fantastic,” Laurie said. She hopes she can inspire others to donate and volunteer at the American Red Cross of Monroe County; and give hope to someone who may have nothing else left.



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