

Staying engaged with your American Red Cross & Missing Maps

Donate

With a single donation, you can make a difference in your neighborhood and in communities around the world. The Red Cross is not a government agency; we need financial support to do our work. We rely on the generosity and willingness of businesses and individuals to help others in need and take great pride that 91 cents of every dollar we raise is invested in humanitarian services. To help, donate through the Microsoft Give Campaign and make every dollar go twice as far with Microsoft's matching gift program.

Take a Class

Take a class and know exactly what to do in an emergency. Red Cross classes help to save lives and empower people to respond to life-threatening emergencies – from drowning to heart attacks. Millions of people each year gain lifesaving skills – including first aid, CPR and the use of defibrillators – through their local Red Cross chapters. To find out more, visit redcross.org and click on “Training & Certification” on the top of the page.

Give Blood

Every two seconds, someone in the US needs blood for medical emergencies or lifesaving treatment of chronic illnesses. More than 38,000 blood donations are needed daily and just one pint of blood can save as many as three lives. If you are interested in giving blood or hosting a blood drive, please visit redcrossblood.org.

Volunteer

Make an impact in someone's life. Nearly 500,000 people give their time to make their neighbors safer by volunteering through the Red Cross. We train volunteers and empower communities with the skills they need to help themselves. Red Cross chapters nationwide need trained volunteers who can be mobilized when disaster strikes. Visit redcross.org/volunteer to find volunteer opportunities in your area.

Continue mapping with Missing Maps

- 1) **Advance to JOSM:** iD Editor is a great tool for new mappers, but it is limited. A great way to continue advancing your skills and map faster is to try JOSM. JOSM is an advanced OpenStreetMap (OSM) editing tool that is available to download free for both Macs and PCs. Download JOSM and learn more [here](#).
- 2) **Become a Validator:** Validation is an important part of the Missing Maps process. Getting a second, third, or fourth pair of eyes on mapped features goes a long way in ensuring the quality of data being added to OpenStreetMap and being used in vulnerable communities around the world. Validating requires confidence in your mapping abilities as well as the willingness to help coach and advise newer mappers. If you are interested in learning how to be a validator, please start [here](#).

- 3) **Attend another Mapathon:** Mapathons take place many times a week all over the world! If you enjoyed your first mapathon, attending a second event in your area is a great way to continue mapping and getting to know other OSM users in your community. To find a mapathon in your area check [here](#).
- 4) **Host a Mapathon:** Hosting a mapathon is a fun way to get others involved in mapping. Events are always free and a great opportunity for volunteers to digitally connect and map the most vulnerable places in the world. If you would like to host an event, we have plenty of resources available to help you get started. Learn more [here](#).
- 5) **Sign up to give advice to new mappers and mapathon hosts in your area:** You have worked hard to learn these new skills so why not share them with your community? Volunteer mapathon supporters are located around the globe and can provide both in-person and remote support to new mappers. Learn more and sign up [here](#).