

# As Chapter Marks 80th Year

through the American Red Cross internationally. Also, persons missing as a result of current or past disasters, including war, can be tracked.

"Many people want to know what happened to their relatives. We have a lot of people tracking relatives from the Holocaust years," added Ms. Moffett.

In the event of a major disaster, Ms. Moffett explained that the chapter gets involved no matter where the disaster may occur.

"We try to help contact relatives in this area, or whatever may be necessary," she said.

To offer all these programs and services, it is no wonder that volunteers are vital to the American Red Cross. Along with the festivities surrounding the chapter's 80th Anniversary Gala on March 21, the chapter honored one very special volunteer. At the gala, former Chairman Ernest S. Winter, the chapter's oldest,

active volunteer received the inaugural "Angel on Earth Award."

Mr. Winter received this award just days after his 96th birthday, in recognition of his exemplary leadership and vision over his 33 years of service.

"It is remarkable that even at this age his vision is so great," said Ms. Moffett with a smile.

Yet, the vision of this chapter is alive in every volunteer, program, service and even the chapter house, located at 321 Elm Street in Westfield. Looking around the walls of the main room of the house, in the images of gray uniformed nurses, antique Red Cross volunteer posters, service plaques and pictures, including one of the home taken on its opening day in 1917, the vision of this organization is still very much alive to Ms. Moffett and anyone who enters the room.

With dedicated volunteers such as Mr. Winter, the visions of the American Red Cross will continue.

"It is so true," Ms. Moffett added, while looking at these walls, "volunteers really are angels."



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HAVING A GOOD TIME...Maureen Kaufmann, Westfield/Mountainside Red Cross Chapter administrative assistant, dances with a resident of the Westfield senior citizen complex on Boynton Avenue.

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