

Red Cross Urges Family Members To Claim Estate Gift Before Year's End

Through the generosity of the public, the American Red Cross has awarded a \$55,000 payment to the estates of 2,869 people (as of 9/30/05) who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on America, or who still are missing four years later.

The estates of nearly 100 decedents still have not claimed this payment. **If you are the executor or administrator of an estate for a 9/11 victim, and you have not applied for the Estate Gift (also called the Supplemental Gift), the Red Cross is urging that you call (877) 746-4987 to request an application.**

Like other Red Cross financial assistance programs for individuals directly affected by 9/11, this gift will not be available after December 30, 2005. Estates will, however, be given additional time to provide the documentation necessary to claim the Estate Gift so long as they have filed the application by December 30.

The deadline has been established so that the Red Cross may use any unclaimed gifts to provide other 9/11-related services prior to the closing of the September 11 Recovery Program in 2007. For a directory of these services, please visit www.redcross.org/september11/help and click on "Resources."