

# Clara Barton

Nurse and Founder of American Red Cross

- Clara Barton helped distribute needed supplies to the Union Army during the Civil War.

- She founded the disaster relief organization, the American Red Cross.

- She is one of the most honored women in American history.

- She founded the American Red Cross at the age of 59.

- She was the leader of the Red Cross for 23 years.

- Clara Barton risked her life to bring supplies and support to soldiers during the Civil War.

- She opened paths to the new field of volunteer service.

- Her intense devotion to serving others resulted in many achievements.

- When the Civil War started, Clara Barton was working in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington D.C. She helped collect bandages and other much-needed supplies, but soon realized she could best help the troops by going in person to the battlefields.

- When her service to the Union soldiers was complete, she traveled to Europe, where she became aware of the Geneva, Switzerland-based Red Cross. It called for agreements to protect the sick and wounded during wartime and gave aid voluntarily on a neutral basis.

- When Clara Barton returned home, she was determined that the United States should participate in the global Red Cross network.

- She wanted the Red Cross to help the soldiers be safe from their enemies during wartime if they were wounded or sick.

- She founded the American Red Cross in 1881. Clara Barton served as president of the organization until she resigned at age 83.

- Clara Barton's legacy to the nation -- service to humanity -- is reflected in the services provided daily by the employees and volunteers of the American Red Cross.



# Clara Barton Quotes

- The door that nobody else will go in at, seems always to swing open widely for me.

- I have an almost complete disregard of precedent, and a faith in the possibility of something better. It irritates me to be told how things have always been done. I defy the tyranny of precedent. I go for anything new that might improve the past.

- I may sometimes be willing to teach for nothing, but if paid at all, I shall never do a man's work for less than a man's pay.

- I may be compelled to face danger, but never fear it, and while our soldiers can stand and fight, I can stand and feed and nurse them.



- What could I do but go with them Civil War soldiers, or work for them and my country? The patriot blood of my father was warm in my veins.

- People should not say that this or that is not worth learning, giving as their reason that it will not be put to use. They can no more know what information they will need in the future than they will know the weather two hundred years from today.

- My business is stanching blood and feeding fainting men; my post the open field between the bullet and the hospital. I sometimes discuss the application of a compress or a wisp of hay under a broken limb, but not the bearing and merits of a political movement. I make gruel--not speeches; I write letters home for wounded soldiers, not political addresses.

- What armies and how much of war I have seen, what thousands of marching troops, what fields of slain, what prisons, what hospitals, what ruins, what cities in ashes, what hunger and nakedness, what orphanages, what windowhood, what wrongs and what vengeance.

- Everybody's business is nobody's business, and nobody's business is my business.

- This conflict is one thing I've been waiting for. I'm well and strong and young - young enough to go to the front. If I can't be a soldier, I'll help soldiers.

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Volunteer  
Civil  
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Devotion

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