

A PHILATELIC HISTORY Of The RED CROSS

Although the RED CROSS SOCIETY was formed in 1863, long before I became a volunteer, the Red Cross has played a role in my life. As a Junior Red Cross member during my lessons learned in a one room school and later in my own classroom, the students were taught the value of the Red Cross principles. Upon my retirement I became an active volunteer in the HELP program. It was then I learned the true meaning of compassion.

The purposes of this presentation is 3 fold. 1. To tell the HISTORY of the Red Cross,, 2 to make known the different recognized SYMBOLS of the Red Cross and lastly 3 to show how the PHILATELIC COMMUNITY and various postal systems throughout the world have recognized and supported the values of the Red Cross and the VOLUNTEERS.

Perhaps this selection of stamps from Mexico says it best "GRACIAS"

