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## George Washington Memorial Parkway News Release

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### Special Event to Celebrate Women's History Month at Clara Barton National Historic Site

*Glen Echo, MD* – Do you love history? Would you like to learn about one of history's most famous women? Do you enjoy interactive performances or architecture? Or, would you like to share the gift of life with others by donating blood? If so, join the National Park Service for a free special event in honor of both Women's History Month and Red Cross Month at Clara Barton National Historic Site on Sunday, March 21, from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Enjoy ranger- and volunteer-led tours at various stations within the house and learn about stories of Miss Barton's courage, vision, and dedication to public service from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. Reserve your spot to enjoy a performance of "Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel," a solo, interactive, and fun play by award-winning Actor Mary Ann Jung, which will be held from 2:00-3:00 p.m.. Participate in an American Red Cross blood drive in the parking lot area of the park from 12:00-4:00 p.m. All activities will be held at Clara Barton National Historic Site at 5801 Oxford Road, Glen Echo, MD. For more information or to make required reservations for "Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel," please call 301-320-1410. To make advance reservations for the blood drive, visit: <https://www.membersforlife.org/rccm/mobilesch/login.php?sponsorcode=3513> or call 1-800-Give Life. Walk-in donors are also welcome.

The performance by Mary Ann Jung is just one of the many highlights of this event. Mary Ann Jung has appeared on *CNN*, the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and in newspapers around the world as famous women from history. In 2002, her Clara Barton show won top honors for Solo Theatrical Performance from the Maryland State Arts Council. In addition, Ms. Jung researches/writes her own scripts and performs in the authentic costumes, accents, and attitudes for her characters' eras.

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The blood drive, co-sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Park Service, is being held in honor of the organization's founding in 1881 by visionary leader Clara Barton. Since then, the American Red Cross has served as the nation's premier emergency response organization. As part of a worldwide movement that offers neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war, the American Red Cross distinguishes itself by also aiding victims of devastating natural disasters. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers many different services, including the collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products. Some four million people give blood—the gift of life—through the Red Cross, making it the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States.

In addition to this special event, the public is invited to tour the historic home, which also served as headquarters and a warehouse for the American Red Cross, to learn about Clara Barton's legacy during ongoing tours each day, every hour, on-the-hour, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Note: The house is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.) Tours last approximately 45 minutes. For more information about ongoing house tours, new group tours, Girl Scout/Boy Scout badges, and off-site slide presentation options, please call 301-320-1410.

Clara Barton National Historic Site is administered by the George Washington Memorial Parkway, a unit of the National Park Service. For details about over 25 park sites along the George Washington Memorial Parkway, contact the National Park Service at 703-289-2500 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/gwmp>.

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