

American Red Cross

Mile High Chapter General Information

The Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross serves 19 counties: Adams, Alamosa, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Conejos, Costilla, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, Grand, Jefferson, Lake, Mineral, Park, Rio Grande, Saguache and Summit. The Mile High Chapter also includes two branch offices: the San Luis Valley branch and the Egon Gerson branch, which serves the Central Mountains.

History

- 1914:** Red Cross activity began in Colorado. The Mountain Division of the Red Cross covered Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah.
- Nov. 21, 1914:** Charter granted by National. First Chairman: Lawrence Phipps
- 1917:** Denver Chapter was located in the State Museum & Central Bank Building. (Jurisdiction included: Adams, Arapahoe, Jefferson, Denver, Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties.)
- 1918:** Moved to 1617 Lawrence St. The space was not large enough, so a second warehouse on Wazee was obtained to accommodate the salvage, which had reached monumental proportions. This included large donations of gold and silver.
- 1936:** The first paid staff was hired, an executive secretary.
- 1939:** Bought Senator Schuyler's home at 300 E. 8th Ave. for \$15,000, which 9 individuals donated.
- 1942:** Moved into larger building at 800 Logan that was donated by Claude Boettcher. First issue of the Chapter News was printed.
- 1957:** Became a partner agency of United Way.
- 1962:** Moved into a new chapter building at 170 Steele.
- 1965:** Surrounding chapters: Adams, Arapahoe, Aurora, Boulder, and Denver & Longmont, merged to become the Mile High Chapter.
- 1985-86:** Chapter went through a major staff reorganization.

1987: Douglas County Branch was opened.

1988: The Boulder and Longmont branches merged.

1989: The Arapahoe and Douglas branches merged.

1991: Douglas Branch building closed.

August 16, 1991: Chapter and Denver Branch moved into a new chapter building at 444 Sherman.

1996: Summit County Chapter merged with Mile High Chapter and became the Summit County Branch.

1997: Grand County Chapter merged with the Mile High Chapter and became part of the Summit County Branch. The Summit County Branch was renamed the Mountain Branch.

1998: Lake County Chapter merged with the Mile High Chapter and became part of the Mountain Branch.

2003: Denver and Aurora branch offices merged; Adams and Boulder branch offices merged.

2004: Chapter reorganized and centralized all metro services at the Headquarters' building. Branch offices in the Metro area became non-staffed Service Centers. The Summit Branch remained staffed and was renamed the Gerson Service Center.

2005: Chapter sold three buildings in move to "service center" concept providing cost-efficient community presence.

2006: Chapter sold remaining two buildings.