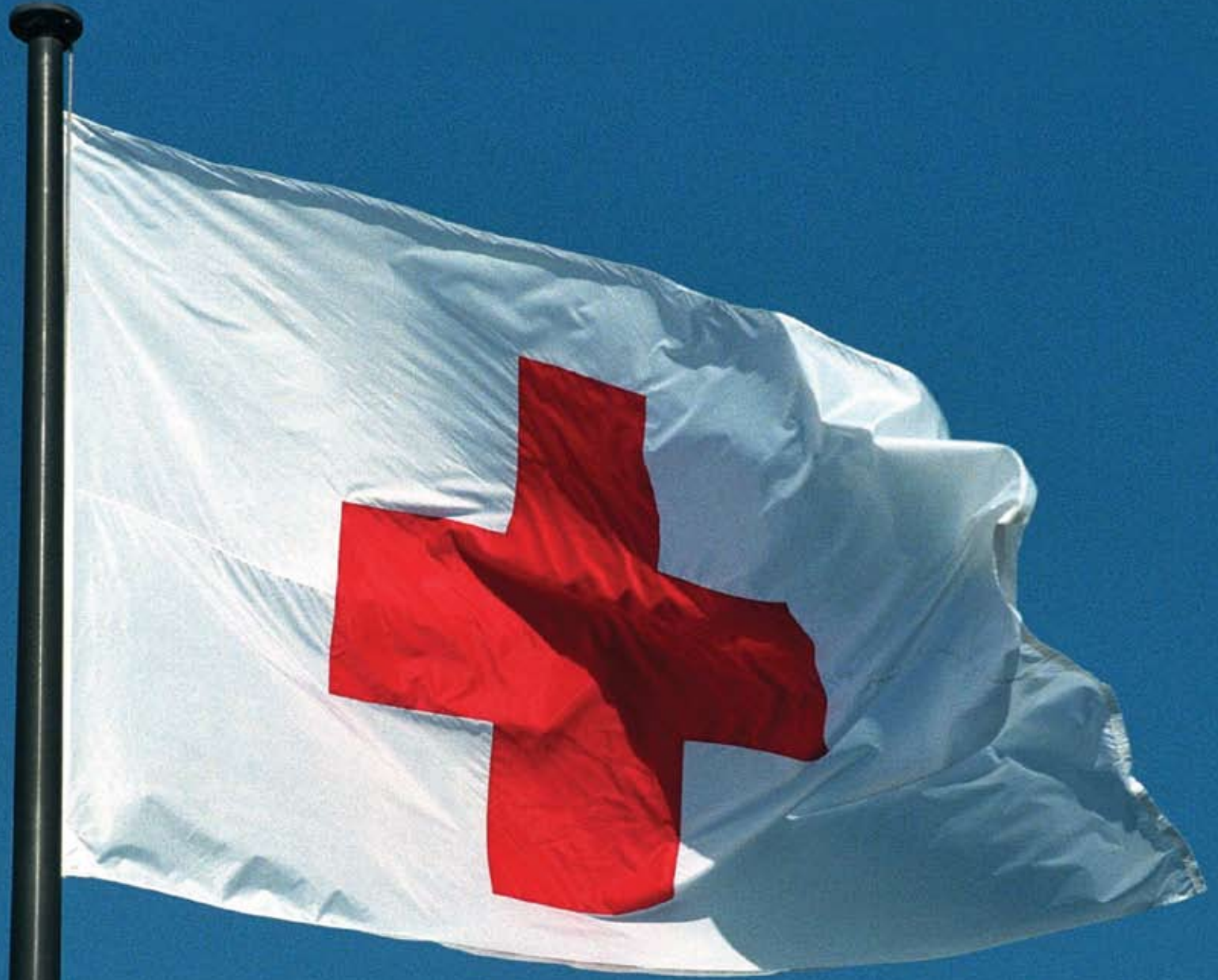


BLUEGRASS AREA CHAPTER of the
American Red Cross



**Annual Report
2006-2007**



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Message from Leadership



The mission of the Red Cross is to assist the victims of disaster and help others prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Last year no emergency affected this region as drastically as the events of Sunday, August 27, 2006. When the Comair Flight 5191 tragedy occurred, the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross reacted immediately by providing 40 volunteer workers and two emergency response vehicles to the crash site. The Red Cross served approximately 400 meals to the first responders, provided emotional support and comfort for the affected families, and held a private memorial service at the Opera House.

While the Red Cross is always on the scene of a major disaster, the Bluegrass Area Chapter also works in other ways everyday in support of our mission. Last year we assisted 435 local disaster clients, delivered 442 emergency messages to our military personnel, certified more than 16,000 area residents in our health and safety courses, and provided 129,000 WHEELS rides.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Red Cross and make it possible for us to serve our community and nation. As you review our 2006/2007 Annual Report, you will notice that the Red Cross' volunteers and donors include your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family. We would like to thank those who so generously gave their time and expertise to the Red Cross. During this past year 26,299 hours of service were provided by approximately 200 Red Cross volunteers. These volunteer hours have a monetary value of over \$493,000.

We would also like to thank our financial donors. Since we receive no government funding for traditional Red Cross services, their support enables us to continue providing our critical services to this area. Whether donating time, writing a check, or attending a fundraising event such as the Disaster Blaster or Golf Outing, the generosity of the individuals and organizations in this area sustain the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

We invite you to learn even more about your local American Red Cross by attending one of our health and safety classes, a "Rise with the Red Cross" informational meeting, a fundraising golf scramble, the annual "Disaster Blaster", or the "Get To Know Us Before You Need Us" events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us. We offer numerous opportunities to fit your schedule and interest. You may also want to consider helping fund one of our many programs or services by making a tax-deductible donation.

Though this report only comes out once a year, the dedication of our volunteers, donors, and staff continues day after day. Since disasters aren't scheduled, the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the Red Cross remains ready at all times to serve our friends and neighbors.

Tim Hamilton
Chapter Chairman

Terry Burkhardt
Chief Executive Officer



Tim Hamilton
Chapter Chairman



Terry Burkhardt
Chief Executive Officer



Financial Statement

Financial Statement -- Bluegrass Area Chapter

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Assets				
Cash	\$ 276,921	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276,921
Investments-short term	\$ 2,956,343	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,956,343
Accounts Receivable	\$ 260,157	\$ 120,816	\$ -	\$ 380,973
Due from other classes of net assets	\$ -	\$ 2,450	\$ -	\$ 2,450
Other assets: inventories and prepaids	\$ 6,724	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,724
Total Current Assets	\$ 3,500,145	\$ 123,266	\$ -	\$ 3,623,411
Land, Building and equipment, net of depreciation	\$ 1,815,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,815,227
Investments-long term	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 8,894,341
Total Non-Current Assets	\$ 1,815,227	\$ -	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 10,709,568
Total Assets	\$ 5,315,372	\$ 123,266	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 14,332,979
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 68,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,613
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 126,587	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 126,587
Due to other classes of net assets	\$ 2,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,450
Deferred Grant Revenue	\$ 255,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255,150
Other Liabilities	\$ 4,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,318
Total Liabilities	\$ 457,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 457,118
Net Assets				
Total Net Assets	\$ 4,858,254	\$ 123,266	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 13,875,861
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 5,315,372	\$ 123,266	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 14,332,979

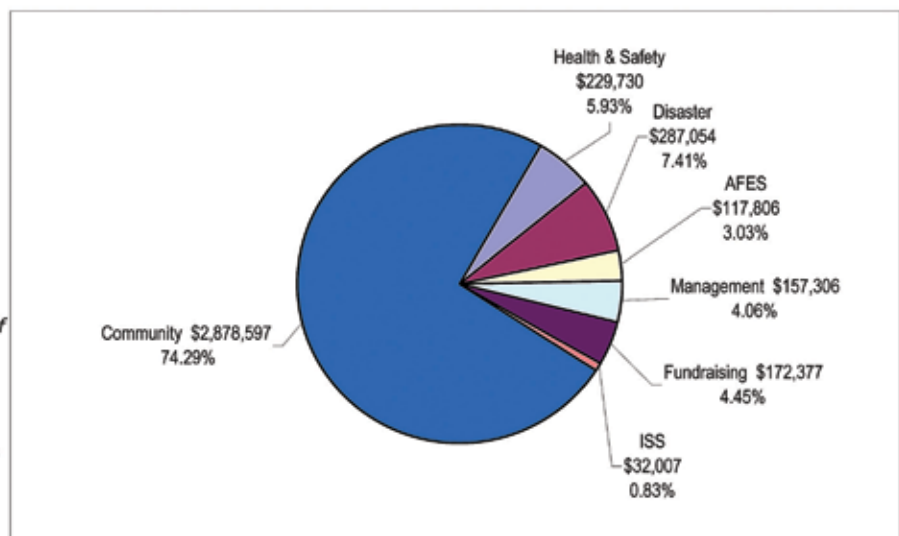
Statement of Activities as of June 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Contributions, Revenue and Gains				
Federated (United Way & CFC)	\$ 15,604	\$ 120,816	\$ -	\$ 136,420
Contributions	\$ 151,117	\$ 1,860	\$ -	\$ 152,977
Special Events	\$ 49,083	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,083
Grants	\$ -	\$ 33,350	\$ -	\$ 33,350
Investment Income	\$ 739,419	\$ -	\$ 800,483	\$ 1,539,902
Revenue from Chapter Operations	\$ 2,698,511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,698,511
Reclassifications to/from unrestricted class	\$ 152,516	\$ (152,516)	\$ -	\$ -
Total Contributions, Revenue & Gains	\$ 3,806,250	\$ 3,510	\$ 800,483	\$ 4,610,243
Expenses and Losses				
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,874,877	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,874,877
Excess (Deficit) of revenue over expenses (Before cumulative effect of acctg change.other)	\$ (68,627)	\$ 3,510	\$ 800,483	\$ 735,366
Cumulative effect of accounting change/other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Change in Net Assets	\$ (68,627)	\$ 3,510	\$ 800,483	\$ 735,366
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,926,881	\$ 119,756	\$ 8,093,858	\$ 13,140,495
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 4,858,254	\$ 123,266	\$ 8,894,341	\$ 13,875,861

The Bluegrass Area Chapter is proud to maintain a 91% program ratio, which means that 91 cents of every dollar goes directly into our programs and services.

An Annual Audit of the financial records of the American Red Cross, Bluegrass Area Chapter was performed by Dean, Dorton & Ford Certified Public Accountants. A copy of the Audit Report is available for review at Chapter Headquarters.

*Community is a combination of Volunteers services and Wheels. Wheels is completely funded by revenue generated through the Wheels Transportation Program.





Volunteers

It is very difficult to quantify the impact volunteers have on an organization. The Bluegrass Area Chapter was given the gift of 26,299 documented volunteer hours last year. Albert Pike, noted American lawyer, journalist, and soldier related, “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” Truly, the dedication of the Bluegrass Area Chapter’s army of volunteers has left an impact on those served through the American Red Cross. Comforting those who lost loved ones in the Comair Flight 5191 plane crash, arriving on the scene of a destroyed home with hope and the gift of shelter, relaying a message to a service man that his wife has given birth, and helping to facilitate the tracing of a message to loved ones separated by war, are demonstrations of the acts of service performed by the volunteers who have given so much this past year.

Annella Adams	Jolynn Cooper	David Hall	Carole Landry	Janet Owen	Grace Tapia
Jimmy Adams	Mary Cordray	Brandy Hamby	Angie Lang	David Owens	Isabel Taylor
Joe Aldy	Roxie Covington	Tim Hamilton	Ariel Langevin	Pam Ozanick	Carla Teasdale
Carol Aldy	Sue Crafts	Kara Hamilton	Cindy LaRue	Jerry Pang	Lisa Teate
Sue Alexander	LeAndra Craig	Mary Hamm	Gentry LaRue	Neil Paragh	Paul Temmermand
Gary Allen	Linda Crowder	Shawn Hamm	Diane Lawless	Liz Parker	John Tender
Linda Allin	Robert Cruse	Susan Harbour	Virginia Lawson	Diane Parrish	Larry Trimmer
Leigh Allin	Sandra Crutcher	Don Harris	Randy Lawson	Mary Peel	Natalia Truczyszynski
Bill Ashbrook	Cate Culbertson	Nancy Hartshorn	Ruth Lay	Lea Jean Perritt	Joann Tsoutsouris
Christy Atkins	Julie Curry	James Hatch	Orie Lebus	Art Peter III	Virginia Tucker
Elizabeth Atkins	Scott Curry	Lisa Hatton-Murray	Sharon Lee	Donna Phillips	David Turner
Sarah Atkins	Brad Curtis	Ross Hayden	Sarah Lee	Della Piersall	Monserrath Uribe
Patricia Baker	Jules D'Anniballe	Terry Hayes	Cheung On Lee	Wendy Polley	Syliva Valentine
Pam Baker	Chris Darmand	Margaret Hazlette	Rhonda Leedy	Martha Pumphrey	Matt Vanderpool
Vicky Bales	George Davidson	Megan Hendricks	Randy LeMay	Ali Qabazard	Roy Vanhoozer
April Ball	Lois Davis	Carla Hensley	Grace Li	Norah Qabazard	Tena Verney
Kelly Barker	Sally Davisson	Allan Hetzel	Michelle Lim	Mohi Quayyum	Jay Venguswamy
Mary Batt	Lana Dearinger	Kevin Hisel	Diana Lineberry	Rebecca Quick	Debra Vouchides
Joshua Bayer	Shelley DeBell	Jan Hitchings	Katherine Loving	Keith Raker	Sasha Wagers
Greg Beecham	Samantha Deegan	Gary Hitchings	Cynthia Lu	Doyle Rambo	Eileen Wahl
Linda Beecham	Harry Dence	David Holbrook	Maggie Luoma	Bill Ransdell	Gail Waldeck
Loretta Bentley	Dennis DePenning	Regan Hooper	Gauri Lyengar	Vicky Rauth	Quentin Walker
David Bertram	Jeremy Dickey	Melia Hord	Lesley Maner-Tobin	Rohit Ray	Sarah Walker
Oliver Bingcang	Judy Dishman	Michael Horenkamp	Suganya Manivannan	Marianne Reber	Michael Walker
Terry Bishop	Kelly Donnelly	Kelli Horine	Ruth Mark	Dan Redding	David Wang
Cathy Bishop	Rose Mary Dow	Rebecca Horine	Shannon Markel	June Redding	Vonnett Washington
Freda Blair	Shima Dowla	Robert Houlihan	Ted Martin	Paul Reffitt	Stephanie Watson
Barbara Blake	Lula Drewes	Lennie House	Melissa Martin	Justa Riggs	Cami Watts
Angela Bradley	Joseph Edwards	Nan Hu	Johnny Matherly	Wendy Ritter	Judy Webber
Becky Bell Bratcher	Ana Edwards	Kay Huff	Joanne Mathews	Same Robinson	Wilson Wells
Katherine Bright	Betty Jo Elam	Talitha Hunt	Angle Maupin	Bob Rodriguez	Jenny Wells
Tricia Brooks	Charles Ellis	Craig Infanger	Kern Mayo	Thomas Rougeux	Yuan Wen
Andrea Brown	Samantha Essid	Janis Infanger	Sharon McCauley	Robert Ruddick	Laura Westbrook
George Bruening	Becky Estep	John Ireland	Louise McClung	Katherine Rush	Kristen Wethington
Sharon Bryson	Mary Fedorchuk	Stacey Jenkins	Shainey McFarland	Carmen Ruth	Sandra Wetmore
Shawn Burns	Bret Feeney	Steven Johnson	Mary McGary	Zach Saghaian	Joseph Whalen
Betty Burns	Dell Felty	Joni Johnson	Mary McKenzie	Becky Savage	Holly Wiemers
Gail Burris	Kathy Finn	Barbara Johnson	Bob McLaughlin	Melia Schmidt	Harvie Wilkinson
Regina Caldwell	Diana Fleming	Christine Jones	Jeff McLean	Hendy Seelbach	Nellie Wilkinson
Mark Campbell	Renee Flores	Mickey Jones	Patsy McLean	Charles Shackelford	Ryan Wilkinson
Linda Campbell	Anna Followell	Constance Jones	Teresa McReynolds	Amy Shah	Ryan Will
Katie Canada	Judy Forbush	Bob Jones	Stephanie Meador	Rahul Sharma	Carolyn Williams
Gwen Carl	Karen Fuller	Patti Jones	Saumya Mehta	Gloria Shelby	Rodney Williams
Marlene Casey	Glory Gifford	DebaLeena Kabiraj	Hank Miles	Michael Shen	Lisa Williams
Christopher Cass-Salveson	Carol Gilkison	Laryn Karsnitz	Patricia Miller	Clifford Slusher	Mark Williams
Skip Castle	Tom Gilkison	Janet Kazimir	Robert Mitchell	Vinay Srinivasan	Sharman Wilson
Keith Caton	Jean Givens	Cora Keber	Jill Molinari	Gail Starnes	Debra Wood
Amit Chakravarthy	Sarah Goes	Tami Kelder	Mary Moore	Debbie Steams	Andrew Wolf
Laurence Chai	Rhonda Gould	Mike Kennedy	Jamie Moreland	Andrew Steckbeck	Meghan Wright
Daisy Chai	Courtney Gray	Rebecca Kern	Jeremy Morgan	Cheryl Stephens	Beth Wright
Holly Chang	Tim Green	Greg Kessinger	Reg Morris	Linda Stewart	Connie Wu
Paul Chartier	Darryl Gregory	Betty Kettnering	Evelyn Morton	Gary Stewart	Victor Yang
Jean Chilton	Jean Griffith	Jojo Kiluba	Eloise Mullins	Stephan Stinson	Allyson Yates
Aleksandrina Chumney	Jonathan Grigsby	Barbara Kirkland	Pavitra Muralidhar	Karen Stivers	Lyna Yi
Sandra Coleman	Ann Marie Haines	Dina Klimkina	Jim Nickell	Rachel Strang	Lara Zavalza
Mary Coleman	Bill Hall	Kathy Korona	Michael Nieland	Sondra Strunk	Virginia Zeigenfuse
Patricia Collins	Joan Hall	Harry Kruger	Chris Nielsen	Becky Tabony	George Zhang
Lester Combs	Sandra Hall	William LaFrana	Clark Nyberg	Rai Tabor	Colin Zhou
Saskia Coolen	Christine Hall	Brad Landry	Germaine O'Connell	Robert Tabor	

2006 Honored Volunteers



“LIFESAVER” AWARDS

We have exceptional volunteers in all services, but these volunteers are always there in a pinch.

Health and Safety “Lifesaver”

KATHERINE LOVING

Emergency Services “Lifesaver”

DAN & JUNE REDDING

Development “Lifesaver”

DAVID SHELLEY

Financial Services “Lifesaver”

NEAL PRAGH

GOLDEN HELMET AWARD

This award is for volunteers who deployed to the Gulf Coast region at least twice and stayed for 21 days or more.

JUSTA RIGGS
TERRY BISHOP
MARLENE CASEY
SONDRA STRUNK
SARAH GOES
STEVEN JOHNSON
DAN REDDING
JUNE REDDING
ROBERT MITCHELL
CAMI WATTS

DIVED RIGHT IN AWARD

This award is for a new volunteer who has been with the chapter for less than one year and has immediately made a significant impact on our chapter.

DOYLE RAMBO

ZEIGY AWARD

This Award is in honor of a very active and dedicated volunteer.

CONSTANCE JONES

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

LINDA ALLIN

Youth Services

Our children are the seeds for tomorrow's harvest. The Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross values the youth of today and the contribution they make through volunteering. Knowing that youths who volunteer are more likely to continue volunteering as adults, the Bluegrass Area Chapter is actively working to continue to build upon the expansion of youth service programs implemented last year. We are now proud to report that we have three high school Red Cross Clubs in Lexington with approximately 40 total student members.



Adults who began volunteering as youth are twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not volunteer when they were younger.

Armed Forces Emergency Services



The Bluegrass Area Chapter provides a variety of services to current Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard military personnel and veterans. For military families, we send verified messages each day dealing with births, serious illness, and deaths of close family members to military units around the world. In addition, we facilitate emergency financial assistance by working with military relief agencies. The Bluegrass Area Chapter is very fortunate to have volunteer caseworkers and staff who help provide these services 24 hours a day seven days a week. To further serve our local military families, our chapter hosts a monthly meeting called “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us.” The Bluegrass Area Chapter is always available to provide comprehensive referral services to meet the needs of active and retired military personnel and their families.

AFES 2006-2007 STATISTICS:

This past fiscal year, we:

- Assisted with 516 military cases.
- Transmitted 442 emergency messages between active duty service members and their families.
 - Out of those messages:
 - 40% were for serious illness
 - 35% were for death of a close relative
 - 25% were in categories such as births, financial assistance, leave extensions, etc.
- Provided over \$7,900 in financial assistance to nine clients.
- Presented information about Red Cross services through the “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us” program to 535 military personnel & family members.

After moving to Lexington to be close to her family while her husband was deployed to Iraq, a local Army wife was faced with several unforeseen problems. Soon after arriving she learned that her husband’s pay was short the housing allowance needed to rent an apartment for herself and three children. Her parents’ apartment complex only allowed short term visitors and was much too small for four additional people. Within a few days, her car developed engine problems that would cost more than \$450 to repair. Fortunately she was able to apply for assistance from Army Emergency Relief through your local Bluegrass Area Chapter. Once her request was approved, the chapter was able to provide the needed funds to her new landlord and the auto repair shop.



International Services



The American Red Cross helps vulnerable people around the world to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and life-threatening health conditions.

The American Red Cross accomplishes this goal by working within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement—the world’s largest humanitarian network with more than 180 Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies and more than 100 million volunteers. In all our work, we abide by the Red Cross’ seven fundamental principles: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.



The American Red Cross works to build the local capacities of our partner Red Cross and Red Crescent societies by strengthening their leadership, financial management, volunteer networks, and technical capabilities. We also work with our Movement partners to train and organize volunteers and educate communities to empower them with the skills and knowledge they need to help themselves. To ensure that programs are comprehensive, the American Red Cross establishes partnerships with other public and private organizations whose capabilities strengthen and complement our initiatives.

International Services (IS) has been very busy this last year. IS partnered with the Kentucky Refugee Ministry to provide personal care kits to approximately 12 refugee families who attended their Cultural Orientation Class. Red Cross staff and volunteers organized a children’s Christmas party for the Lexington refugee community. Furthermore, IS participated with the University of Kentucky’s Department of University Engagement & Multicultural and Academic Affairs Diversity Council sitting in on a panel discussion focused on cultural understanding. Additionally, a booth was set up at the Festival of Lights by IS.

Diversity Festival

The 3rd Annual Diversity Festival hosted by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government took place in downtown Lexington on June 30, 2007. This festival celebrated cultural differences with international foods and entertainment. The American Red Cross, along with other organizations in the Lexington area, set up an informational booth where volunteers informed visitors of our services and encouraged them to become future volunteers.



Disaster Services



*B*luegrass Area Chapter Disaster Services workers never rest. There is a volunteer or staff member ready to answer a disaster call in our community, no matter how devastating, at any hour of the day or night. Whether it's a house fire, a flood, a tornado, or other disaster, the Bluegrass Area Chapter can assist the family with clothing, food and shelter. Disaster Services workers give of their time and resources to help those in the most desperate of situations.

In addition to local needs, we also have trained Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) volunteers who will travel to help with disasters around the country when required. National Headquarters arranges to pay their way, and in return, these DSHR volunteers work 10-12 hour days with one day off in 10, and remain on the job, away from home, for up to 21 days at a stretch. This past year, 130 of your neighbors stood ready to deploy anywhere in the country at a moment's notice and 14 were deployed outside of Kentucky.

During this past year, our chapter assisted the Bluegrass community in many ways. On August 27, 2006, we responded to the ComAir Flight 5191 crash by serving the needs of the first responders and providing Disaster Mental Health services for those in need. Scarcely a month later, the chapter responded to a flooded 60 unit apartment building in West Lexington. We responded well, just as we had practiced, but we had always hoped to avoid such large-scale disasters.

DISASTER SERVICE STATISTICS

- During this past year, 14 Bluegrass Area Chapter volunteers were deployed to assist our neighbors outside of Kentucky.
- Volunteers traveled as far as New Mexico and New Hampshire.
- Approximately 174 families were assisted by the Bluegrass Area Chapter for disasters in Bourbon, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Powell, Jessamine, and Scott counties.

In addition, we worked an unusually high number of home fires. In February, in addition to seven single family fires that we responded to across our jurisdiction, we also provided assistance to 12 families in three different apartment complexes after fires. In March, we did it again, this time with twelve single family fires in all our counties, one of them with a child fatality, and one apartment fire displacing four families from their homes. May brought eight single family house fires and two apartment fires displacing 11 apartment residents in two buildings! Such a spate of fires is highly unusual, especially as "fire season" is supposed to end in February. Bluegrass Area Chapter volunteers were able to respond to each of these fires, no matter the time of day or night.

The one constant amidst the aviation incident, the flood and the home fires is the caring, outstretched hand of the Disaster Services volunteers as they work alongside clients to assist them in their recovery. The disaster services volunteer's giving flows into the clients they serve. The clients are able to find strength to recover because of the generosity of our volunteers and staff.



Disaster Services





Health and Safety

The American Red Cross offers quality training to keep everyone in our community safe, whether at work, at play, or in our homes. Each day, American Red Cross classes offer training in life saving skills such as First Aid, CPR, and Automated External Defibrillation (AED). Classes are also available in swimming instruction, lifeguarding, babysitting training, HIV/AIDS prevention, and even Pet First Aid. Our workplace training classes offer employees requiring “Continuing Education Units” (CEUs) an opportunity to experience educational instruction on dealing with workplace realities. Courses discuss workplace violence, stress, back injuries, ergonomics, and family care giving for a loved one.

Early CPR and Defibrillation

Recognizing a heart attack and obtaining the necessary care at once may prevent a person from going into cardiac arrest. With proper American Red Cross training, first responders can help keep heart attack victims alive until medical professionals arrive.

A major indicator of cardiac arrest is the absence of signs of life. During cardiac arrest, blood is not going to the brain and other vital organs preventing the supply of oxygen to the brain. A person in cardiac arrest will also be unconscious and not breathing.

Even though a person is not breathing and shows no other signs of life, the cells of the brain and other important organs continue to live for a short time—until all the oxygen in the blood is used. Therefore, a cardiac arrest victim needs immediate CPR and defibrillation. CPR is a combination of chest compressions and rescue breathing. Defibrillation is a process of delivering an electrical shock that disrupts a heart’s electrical activity long enough to allow the heart to spontaneously develop an effective rhythm on its own. Each minute that defibrillation is delayed, the chances of survival are reduced by about 10 percent, so the sooner the shock is administered, the better.

The American Red Cross teaches individuals how to correctly operate portable automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) devices, which are used to administer electrical shock to cardiac arrest victims.

Defibrillation is the only definitive treatment for sudden cardiac arrest. The use of an AED does not replace the need for professional care, but it does increase the victim’s chances of survival. If your workplace or place of public assembly is without an AED, the appropriate people should be educated about the importance of purchasing an AED and providing American Red Cross training for its use.

For more information about AED classes, contact Health and Safety Services at the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 859-253-1331.

Eric Staton, Director of Health and Safety Services states, *“It’s very important that our community recognize the tremendous importance of the training provided by the American Red Cross. Our mission is to prepare as many citizens as possible to render care to fellow individuals. We can do this together by:*

First: Health and Safety Department of the American Red Cross must be totally prepared to provide any class that will meet the needs of the public.

Second: The public must feel totally prepared to use the training they have received from our staff.

Third: The students who become instructors must be totally prepared to meet the needs of their students.

Through the efforts of all, we can accomplish the mission of meeting community needs.”



The Health and Safety Team consists of Tara Moss, *Aquatics Coordinator*, Marsha Corn, *Health and Safety Coordinator*, Henry Smith, *Instructor*, Eric Staton, *Health and Safety Director*, and Betty Jo Jackson, *Administrative Assistant*

Chain of Survival

The American Red Cross teaches the Cardiac Chain of Survival, which is a four-step process, designed to save the lives of sudden cardiac arrest victims:

- Step One:** Early access to care
- Step Two:** Early CPR
- Step Three:** Early defibrillation (AED)
- Step Four:** Early advanced medical care (professional care)

VOLUNTEER HEALTH AND SAFETY CLASS INSTRUCTORS 2006-2007

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Angela Bradley | Darryl Gregory |
| Regina Caldwell | Bob Jones |
| Sue Crafts | Katherine Loving |
| George Davidson | Shainey McFarlan |
| Courtney Gray | Patricia Miller |

Health and Safety Statistics

Last fiscal year, we taught 1,475 courses and we certified 16,059 in the lifesaving techniques of First Aid and CPR



Alan Eldridge and Corey Tipton, reunited several months after the accident.

On an October morning little did Alan Eldridge know that later that day people would be calling him a guardian angel. While driving down a rural mountain road in Eastern Kentucky Alan came upon a car wreck that had injured a father and two sons. Corey Tipton, the youngest son, was starting to turn blue around the face and was showing no signs of life when Alan arrived. Mr. Eldridge immediately started rescue breathing and CPR as soon as he came upon Corey. After five minutes of CPR Corey Tipton began to breathe on his own thanks to Alan's efforts. Mr. Eldridge stayed on the scene and assisted the medics as the children were airlifted to UK Medical Center.

Alan learned his life saving skills while employed by Vulcan Materials during their Red Cross First Aid & CPR Training.



WHEELS

The Red Cross WHEELS program is the mass-transit system for disabled and elderly residents of Lexington-Fayette County. Any person who has a disability that prevents them from riding LexTran can qualify for the WHEELS program. The rider's disability must be certified by a physician or social service agency. The WHEELS program enables all Lexington citizens to participate fully in the life of the community.

- ✚ Last fiscal year, WHEELS provided 128,833 trips throughout Fayette County. WHEELS also delivered approximately 30,000 meals for home bound clients.
- ✚ There are 39 buses in the WHEELS fleet.
- ✚ The WHEELS program employs over 60 drivers.
- ✚ WHEELS buses are “on the road” 363 days a year—every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- ✚ The WHEELS program has the latest technology in the transportation industry. Our new computerized scheduling and dispatching system includes a Mobile Data Transmitter (MDT) and a Global Positioning System (GPS).
- ✚ WHEELS buses are scheduled and dispatched by a computer which keeps track of all of the trip statistics. The GPS enables WHEELS administrators to track all of the fleet's vehicles all of the time. In each bus, an MDT unit, which is a hand-held device similar to that used by a United Parcel Service delivery person when a package is delivered, relays GPS coordinates to the computer at the Red Cross office. As requests for the rides come in from clients, the computer automatically assigns the nearest available bus. This allows the most efficient use of each and every vehicle, as well as providing more accurate estimates of pick-up times for riders. After a year we are still learning the system and adjusting it to fit our program's needs. It has allowed us to better serve our clients with very few late arrivals and shorter travel times.



WHEELS recently had a rider who was recovering from an auto accident and confined to a wheelchair. Our rider was in the hospital and ready to go home. Physical therapy as an out-patient at a local rehabilitation hospital had been scheduled for her for the next four weeks. She had no idea how she would get home, much less to physical therapy for a month, doctors appointments, the pharmacy, grocery shopping, church, etc., and eventually work. Then a nurse at the hospital told her about WHEELS.

After a few weeks of rehabilitation she was able to transition from a wheelchair to a walker, and more importantly from a WHEELS bus to her car. This former rider reported she didn't realize people with temporary disabilities could use the service. She commented that WHEELS allowed her to retain her independence and was very affordable at \$1.60 a ride. She said it's nice to know such a wonderful unique service is available when needed.

Support Your Red Cross

Support your Red Cross by sharing your time, talent, and financial contributions. With your assistance, you enable your Red Cross Chapter to continue all of its time-honored programs and services to the Bluegrass Region.

Share your time and talents as a Red Cross Volunteer

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the American Red Cross! Without them, we could not provide the valuable services that we do. The Bluegrass Area Chapter will give you the training needed to fulfill a variety of important volunteer roles. For more information, please call 859-253-1331 or email arclexky@redcrosslexky.org.



Support the Bluegrass Area Chapter through a financial contribution

The American Red Cross, Bluegrass Area Chapter turns your caring and concern for others into immediate action! We are a humanitarian organization that depends on the generosity of the American public to meet our mission of helping individuals prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The Red Cross is not a government agency and therefore does not receive government funding to do its work.

You can be assured that when you contribute to the Red Cross, your donation will be well spent. In fact, out of every dollar raised in the Bluegrass Area, 91 cents goes directly toward our programs and services.

You can help the Red Cross maintain a high-level of readiness by offering your support by making a gift, donating goods or services, or with a creative partnership that not only benefits the Red Cross, but offers your company a high visibility affiliation with the nation's most trusted and respected charity.

Learn More About Your Red Cross

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Bluegrass Area Chapter, American Red Cross, contact the Chapter as 859-253-1331 or visit our website at www.redcrosslexky.org





Red Cross Mission

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by its volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

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