
Mission Statement

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

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2008-2009 Report to the Community



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The Red Cross in Our Community

Disaster Relief and Community Disaster Education

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross is there. This past year we responded to 49 local disasters, including residential fires. We helped 188 affected individuals and families with emergency food, shelter and supplies.

Because being prepared can make your family and community safer and sometimes minimize injury and destruction, we made disaster education presentations in the community, reaching 1,618 individuals. These presentations covered everything from the Pandemic Flu to house fire and disaster preparedness.

Health and Safety Services

From first aid, CPR and AED training to swimming and lifeguarding, American Red Cross programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. This year, 9,546 individuals learned lifesaving skills through 727 classes offered by the chapter.

International Services

The international tracing program helps local families find relatives with whom they have lost contact because of a natural disaster, war or internal conflict.

Armed Forces Emergency Services

The American Red Cross provides emergency communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. We have a worldwide network that reaches service members wherever they are to communicate a birth, death or illness. This year we provided emergency connections and verification services for 75 military families.

Blood Services

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half the nation's blood supply. Over the last year, we helped run 231 blood drives, collecting 6,824 units of blood.

Community Services

A Note about Volunteers

We depend on volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to carry on our work. Volunteers constitute 97 percent of our total workforce, serving as members of the board, instructors teaching lifesaving skills, disaster action team members, office administrators, event organizers and more.

This year, 366 registered and unregistered volunteers made the work of the chapter possible, contributing 14,633 hours, for a contribution estimated at \$296,318.25.

Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2009

ENDING NET ASSETS	\$683,493
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Statement of Activities

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND GAINS	\$430,626
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Expenses and Losses

Program Services	
Armed Forces Emergency Services	24,496
Disaster Services	189,832
Blood Services	65,166
Health Services	181,043
Community Services	2,681

Total Program Services	\$463,218
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Membership and Fund Raising	52,698
Management and General	33,676

TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	\$549,592
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A complete audit conducted by Buffamante, Whipple & Buttafaro, is available at the Chapter office. Please contact us at 716-664-5115 to obtain a copy.