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10 Years After 9/11 Attacks *a reminder of why it's important to prepare*



Ohioans and people from across the nation came together to support the victims and survivors of the attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania with donations of time, blood and money. Together, we responded, recovered and have rebuilt.

As our nation marks the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we should remember the victims of the attacks, honor the brave responders and rekindle the spirit of service to help those in need.

But the tenth anniversary should also remind us that the unimaginable can in fact occur, and that we all need to be better prepared.

Families should plan how to deal with the kinds of disasters that are most likely to happen where they live, what to do if family members are separated and how they can be informed before, during and after a disaster. And a family member should be trained in CPR and first aid.

Businesses, schools and organizations should have proper safety and emergency supplies on hand, as well as staff trained in CPR and first aid.

Volunteer blood donors are needed every day to keep the nation's blood supply at adequate levels.

While we don't know where or when, we do know that large disasters will

strike this country again, and preparedness steps taken today can save lives and livelihoods tomorrow.

Visit columbus.redcross.org for information about how to become better prepared.

Call 1-800-REDCROSS to make an appointment to give blood.



Home fires on the rise this winter *Red Cross relies on your gifts to help local families recover*

This spring, housemates Chuck Long and Geoff Fairchild took their van around the corner to have it washed. When they returned, their home of 11-years was engulfed in flames. An electrical malfunction was the cause of the fire that took the life of Charlie, their seventeen year-old labrador. According to Geoff, "He was still having a good time, still enjoying life. He just couldn't make it out."

Red Cross volunteers quickly headed to the campus area home to help. They

provided the gentlemen with a safe place to stay, food and clothing, and replaced important medications that were lost in the blaze. One Red Cross volunteer took extra steps to ease the loss. "She noticed that some photo albums had been tossed aside during the aftermath, and she saved them. They were pictures of my sister who died when I was a teenager," said Geoff. "That meant so much."

"I see the Red Cross everyday on the news, around the world, but I just didn't know that you

helped people like us," expressed Chuck.

Nearly 450 local families were helped after home fires in greater Columbus from July 1 to June 30, 2011. Your support allows Red Cross volunteers to meet the emergency related needs of these families.





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Your Red Cross IMPACT

07/01/10 - 06/30/11



Medical trips for seniors..... **16,226**



Families assisted after fires **488**



Financial assistance provided to disaster victims..... **\$218,169**



Individuals trained in CPR/First Aid/Aquatics **44,879**



Emergency messages conveyed on behalf of military families **407**



Driving fore Community Safety

On August 8, 200 golfers gathered at the Ohio State University Golf Club for the 24th Annual American Red Cross Golf Classic. Columbus Blue Jackets' Executive VP of Hockey Operations and General Manager, Scott Howson, served as the Honorary Chair.

More than \$230,000 was raised to support Red Cross services including disaster relief, support for military families, transportation for seniors and lifesaving training. A



Columbus family suffered from a home fire on the morning of the event, but thanks to generous supporters and funds raised at the event itself, they were met by Red Cross volunteers who helped them with a safe place to stay along with food, clothing and the support they need to get back on their feet. If you are interested in supporting future events contact us at

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