



# COUNTY CONNECTION

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*By contributing generous financial donations and investing your time through our volunteer opportunities, you become a partner in this life-saving work. By turning your compassion into action these services are made possible.*

## Message from *Bea*



### September is National Preparedness Month

Helping individuals, families, businesses and communities prepare for emergencies is

the goal of the **Be Red Cross Ready** series of presentations available free of charge. **Be Ready Cross Ready** focuses on three main points: Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed. Disasters can vary from impacting an individual or a family to impacting an entire community. Unfortunately, we don't get to pick the next disaster, so it is important to know what can happen within the community in which we live and work. There are different ways to help prepare for a disaster, including learning and applying basic first aid skills, donating blood or volunteering your time. Your local American Red Cross in Pickaway County can provide presentations on these topics: general preparedness, extreme heat, tornadoes, winter storms, lightning, sheltering in place, and home fires. Contact our office at 740-474-5736 to schedule a **FREE** presentation.

*Bea Dorman*

Bea Dorman, Executive Director

## Pickaway County Resident Travels to Nashville with the Red Cross

Pickaway County volunteer Pamela Blum recently returned from deployment to Nashville, Tenn., where she worked to help flood victims. Pam and Jim Johnson drove an emergency response vehicle from Columbus to Memphis. They were assigned to a disaster relief kitchen on the south side of Nashville to feed those affected by the recent flooding. "It was amazing to see how folks recover and clean up the mess that flood waters leave behind. Some will be out of their homes for several months," states Pam.



(L) Jim Johnson and (R) Pam Blum head to Nashville.

During hurricanes Gustav and Ike, they drove over 6,000 miles and spent time in large shelters housing 2,500-5,000 victims. "It was interesting to see and experience the work it takes to set up large shelters. It was like a little city with areas for medical, communication, feeding, sleeping, showers, security and transportation. It is fun to meet the volunteers and renew friendships from

previous deployments. Every day is a new adventure because you never know where you will be, what you will be doing or where you will be sleeping that night. You stay packed," remarked Pam.

Interested in volunteering with the Red Cross? Call us and sign up today to make a difference tomorrow!

## Local Volunteer Wins Top Honors

Pickaway County American Red Cross volunteer Gene List was the recipient of the 2010 Exceptional Volunteer Service Award. This award is presented annually to recognize outstanding volunteers from Franklin, Madison, Fayette and Pickaway counties. Congratulations Gene!

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament A Success

Teams from across the state converged on Circleville in July for the 9th Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Our thanks to the presenting sponsor, ELKS BPOE #77 and award sponsor, Berger Health System. We appreciate all of our sponsors for making this event a success. The tournament raises much needed funds for local Red Cross programs. In addition to the 3 on 3 play, many kids found the activities in the kids zone to be both fun and educational. A special "thank you" to the many volunteers who gave their time to make this year's tournament so rewarding. We look forward to next year's tournament. Visit [pickaway.redcross.org](http://pickaway.redcross.org) to see tournament photos.

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The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and 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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# Upcoming Events & Classes

For information on any of the programs listed below, please contact your American Red Cross in Pickaway County at 740.474.5736.

Class/Event	Date	Time	Location	Cost
<b>Community Blood Drive</b>	Aug 19 Aug 23 Aug 26	2 - 8 P 1 - 7 P 1 - 7 P	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ashville Circleville Church of the Nazarene Williamsport Community, 107 Green St.	
Adult/Infant & Child CPR	Sept 14	6 P	Ohio Christian University	\$40/60
Remote Wilderness First Aid	Sept 17 & 18		Call for time/location/cost (740) 474-5736	
First Aid	Sept 21	6 P	Ohio Christian University	\$40
Family Caregiving	Upon Request			No Charge
Puppet Programs for Youth	Upon Request		Suitable for ages pre-school through 3rd grade	No Charge
Pandemic in the Workplace	Upon Request			No Charge
Disaster Preparedness Programs	Upon Request	Any time	20 minute program available to all groups	No Charge

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