



**American
Red Cross**

of Greater Columbus

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October 11, 2007 – Carl F. Kohrt, Ph.D., CEO of Battelle, will receive the American Red Cross 2008 Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 12th annual Humanitarian of the Year luncheon, presented by Cardinal Health on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. R. Kerry Clark, CEO of Cardinal Health, serves as this year’s Honorary Event Chair.

Each year the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus celebrates an individual or individuals whose efforts and accomplishments have made the Central Ohio community a better place. Past honorees include: Ron and Ann Pizzuti, Nancy Jeffrey, Robert Weiler, Teckie Shackelford, Alex Shumate and Loann Crane to name a few.

Dr. Kohrt has served a number of organizations in our community, lending his leadership skills, time and enthusiasm to improve life in central Ohio. In his role at Battelle, Dr. Kohrt has been instrumental in helping to launch the new Metro School, a small public high school with a curriculum emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for COSI and Battelle for Kids, an independent, nonprofit organization committed to enhancing student learning by helping educators accelerate and bring clarity to their school improvement efforts.

Dr. Kohrt also chaired the United Way of Central Ohio’s “Frontrunner Campaign” for three years along with Zoofari, Children’s Hunger Alliance’s Menu of Hope and The James Cancer Hospital’s Up On the Roof. These roles, in addition to many more, make us proud to honor such a fine example of community service in our city.

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In its 12th year, the Humanitarian of the Year luncheon provides more than 600 business and community leaders with an entertaining and educational opportunity to become better acquainted with the work of the Red Cross. Proceeds from individual and table sales, as well as corporate sponsorships, help the Red Cross provide disaster assistance to more than 500 local families each year, transport more than one thousand seniors and individuals with disabilities to medical appointments, train tens of thousands in lifesaving skills and continue to be a link between families of military personnel and their loved ones serving their country. Sponsors already committed to this year's event include: Battelle and Nationwide.

Last year's event raised more than \$337,000. To learn how you can become part of this annual event, call (614) 253-2740 Ext. 2353 or email sharpd@usa.redcross.org.

The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. Sustained by over 700 volunteers, the Red Cross provides assistance to nearly 500 families each year after home fires and other disasters strike. Last year the organization trained and educated more than 113,000 area residents in vital lifesaving skills like first aid, CPR and how to prepare for emergencies. The Red Cross also sent more than 800 emergency messages between members of the military and their families. The community transportation program provides rides to medical appointments for seniors and individuals with disabilities, logging nearly 17,000 trips last year. All these programs and more are made possible by the donations of time and money from the greater Columbus community. Michael Carroll is the CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus and Michael Schoedinger serves as the board chair.

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