



American Red Cross

of Greater Columbus

NEWS ADVISORY

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Drive For a Good Cause: Become a Red Cross Community Transportation Volunteer *Information Sessions for Interested Volunteers Happening Across the City*

November 6, 2007 - The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus will host a series of information sessions, *Coffee Breaks*, for those interested in volunteering for the American Red Cross Community Transportation Program. For more than thirty years the American Red Cross Community Transportation program has provided safe and reliable transportation to seniors and individuals with disabilities in Franklin County, allowing them to continue living independently in their homes. Last year alone, seniors and individuals with disabilities took more than 19,000 trips with the program. These trips are often to vital medical appointments. Volunteer drivers are an integral part of this program.

Coffee Breaks are informal and open to the public. Anyone interested in volunteering for the program is encouraged to attend.

Upcoming *Coffee Breaks* include:

Thursday, November 8 th	10 am	Panera	3942 Townsfair Way - Easton
Tuesday, November 13 th	10 am	Panera	2750 Martin Road, Dublin
Thursday, November 15 th	10 am	Panera	64 Granville Road, Gahanna
Tuesday, November 20 th	10 am	Panera	3278 Tremont Road, Upper Arlington
Tuesday, November 27 th	10 am	Panera	1307 Grandview Avenue, Grandview
Thursday, November 29 th	10 am	Panera	2924 East Broad Street, Columbus

Call the American Red Cross Volunteer Resources Department at (614) 253-2740 ext. 2355 for more information and to RSVP for a *Coffee Break*.

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 600 volunteers, the Red Cross provides assistance to more than 500 families each year after home fires and other disasters strike. Last year the organization trained and educated more than 97,000 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 more than 19,600 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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