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Cardinal Health Foundation Commits \$585,000 to American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Initiatives

Funds will support 12 local chapters where Cardinal Health has large employee base

December 27, 2007 - The American Red Cross announced that the Cardinal Health Foundation has committed \$585,000 to assist cities across the country to prepare for and respond to disasters. The grant has been designated to help 12 local chapters where the company has a sizeable employee base, including the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus.

With the Cardinal Health Foundation grant, local Red Cross chapters will expand the capacity of emergency shelters, improve training programs and promote the use of emergency preparedness kits. The grant will also support blood collection services in these regions.

“We are proud to support the American Red Cross and its goal to increase readiness nationwide for large scale disasters,” said Jim Mazzola, executive director of the Cardinal Health Foundation. “Our Foundation has assisted relief efforts of the American Red Cross for many years, but this grant is the largest we’ve made. It is also significant because it supports communities where our employees live and work.”

Based on Cardinal Health employee populations and the current capacity of area chapters to serve their communities, the American Red Cross will distribute these funds to the following local chapters:

American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, Greater Chicago, San Diego Imperial Counties, Mid-Rio Grande (New Mexico), Greater Houston Area, Inland Empire (California), Louisville Area, York County (South Carolina), Greater New York, St. Louis Area, Dallas Area and Greater Arkansas.

In addition to the grant announced today, the Cardinal Health Foundation donated more than \$725,000 for disaster relief during the past 2 years, specifically targeting \$400,000 to recovery and relief efforts associated with Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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At a local level, Cardinal Health facilities have hosted numerous blood drives across 10 blood regions. In 2006, Cardinal Health employees donated more than 500 units of blood during 22 drives. According to Michael Carroll, CEO of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, “We have enjoyed a long relationship with Cardinal Health in Columbus and look forward to that relationship continuing.”

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.

About the Cardinal Health Foundation

Supported by the global resources of Cardinal Health (www.cardinalhealth.com), including more than 40,000 employees around the world, the Cardinal Health Foundation’s mission is to advance and fund regional and national programs that improve access to and delivery of quality health care services. With annual revenues of \$87 billion and operations on five continents, Cardinal Health serves the health-care industry with products and services that help hospitals, physician offices and pharmacies reduce costs, improve safety, productivity and profitability, and deliver better care to patients.

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