



News Advisory

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American Red Cross Accepting Applications for AmeriCorps Positions

June 29, 2007 - The American Red Cross is offering one-year grant funded assignments in eleven counties across the state including: Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Licking, Madison, Montgomery, Pickaway, Ross and Summit counties through the AmeriCorps program. AmeriCorps is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation. AmeriCorps members serving with the Red Cross are an important part of community outreach efforts that are the core of its mission. Members will work alongside staff and volunteers, learning and using professional business skills in diverse work environments. Training and materials are provided for members to help their community learn to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Benefits associated with the assignment include a stipend, education award to pay for expenses at qualified institutions of higher education, health care coverage and deferment of student loans during the assignment period. Available positions include: working with disaster response; teaching First Aid and CPR; developing and teaching Community Disaster Education programs and blood donor and volunteer recruitment and training. To learn more and access an application visit columbus.redcross.org and click on the Careers link.

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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