



**American
Red Cross**

of Greater Columbus

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DR. CARL F. KOHRT, BATTELLE CEO ~ HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR RESERVE YOUR SEAT TO THE 2008 EVENT TODAY

January 11, 2008 – Join the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus as it honors Dr. Carl F. Kohrt at it's 12th annual Humanitarian of the Year luncheon. Each year the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus honors an individual whose efforts and accomplishments have made the Central Ohio community a better place. More than 600 community members attend this inspiring event each year. Presented by Cardinal Health, its CEO R. Kerry Clark, serves as the Honorary Event Chair.

Proceeds from individual seats, table sales and corporate sponsorships make it possible for the Red Cross to provide disaster assistance to more than 500 local families each year, continue to be a link between military personnel and their families at home, provide more than 19,000 medical appointment trips to seniors and individuals with disabilities and train tens of thousands in lifesaving skills. Supporters already committed to this year's event include: Cardinal Health, Battelle and Nationwide. Last year's event raised more than \$337,000.

This year's honoree, 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. Don't miss out on this opportunity to honor one of central Ohio's finest. Reserve your seat today by calling (614) 253-2740 ext. 2353 or visit us online at columbus.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 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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