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Ingram White Castle Foundation Supports American Red Cross Disaster Services

January 24, 2008 – A recent \$15,000 grant from the Ingram White Castle Foundation strengthens both the preparedness and relief services offered to the community by the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus. The organization, which on average responds to one disaster a day, will use the funds to strengthen its disaster services program in Franklin, Madison, Fayette and Pickaway counties. The Red Cross is constantly preparing for disasters, whether it is training the volunteers who respond to the scene of a disaster, or building its inventory of supplies in the event a major disaster strikes.

“We are very pleased to partner with the Ingram White Castle Foundation to prepare our community for disasters. Home fires occur almost daily in our community and there is always a possibility that a large-scale disaster could strike our area. With this grant, the Ingram White Castle Foundation has made a commitment to the strengthening of our community’s ability to respond to these incidents in an effective manner,” said American Red Cross of Greater Columbus CEO Michael Carroll.

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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