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**DON'T MISS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OUR COMMUNITY'S FINEST  
AT THE 2008 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON**

**February 15, 2008** – Each year more than 600 community members and countless businesses and corporations come together to honor the American Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year. On Thursday, April 17, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Battelle CEO Carl F. Kohrt is being honored for his exemplary contributions to many central Ohio organizations.

Proceeds from this event benefit local residents who receive Red Cross assistance throughout the year. Join Cardinal Health - Humanitarian Sponsor, Battelle – Lead Corporate Sponsor, WBNS 10-TV, Chase, Grange Insurance, Huntington Bank and Nationwide as they support Red Cross programs and services including: disaster relief assistance, serving as a link between military personnel and their families at home, transportation to medical appointments for seniors and individuals with disabilities as well as lifesaving training such as CPR and first aid courses. Last year's event raised more than \$337,000 for these life-changing and often times life-saving programs and services.

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. Dr. Kohrt chaired the United Way of Central Ohio's "Frontrunner Campaign" for three years along with Zoofari, Children's Hunger Alliance's Menu of Hope, the James Cancer Hospital's Up On the Roof and was instrumental in establishing the Metro School and Battelle for Kids. These roles, in addition to many more, make us proud to honor such a fine example of community service in our city. 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](http://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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