



**American  
Red Cross**

of Greater Columbus

# NEWS ADVISORY

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## **APRIL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER COLUMBUS**

**March 24, 2008** – The American Red Cross will host the following Coffee Break sessions:

Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Panera	2924 East Broad Street, Columbus 43209
Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Panera	1307 Grandview Ave. Columbus 43212

Anyone interested in volunteering for or gaining additional information on the American Red Cross Community Transportation program is urged to drop by for a coffee and pastry. Last year the Community Transportation program provided nearly 20,000 trips to seniors and individuals with disabilities to necessary medical appointments. These trips were provided in clean, well maintained Red Cross vehicles. The program is credited with helping these individuals maintain independence in their own homes.

Call (614) 253-2740 ext. 2355 or visit us online at [columbus.redcross.org](http://columbus.redcross.org) for more information.

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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