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AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER COLUMBUS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON RAISES NEARLY \$300,000 TO SUPPORT LOCAL PROGRAMS

April 21, 2008 – The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus honored Dr. Carl F. Kohrt, Battelle CEO, as its Humanitarian of the Year at a luncheon event last week. Presented by Cardinal Health, the luncheon hosted more than 500 community members and raised nearly \$300,000 to support the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus. These funds benefit the more than 500 families suffering from disasters each year in greater Columbus, in addition to supporting many other Red Cross programs and services which assist families in this community every day, including services to military families, Community Transportation and lifesaving Water Safety, CPR and First Aid trainings.

Dr. Kohrt was honored for 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. “We are honored to recognize one of our community’s finest,” remarked American Red Cross CEO Michael Carroll. “We know that Dr. Kohrt’s efforts will continue to improve the lives and opportunities for students in our community long into the future.” To learn more about the 2008 Humanitarian of the Year and ways you can become involved with the American Red Cross visit 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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