

For Immediate Release

Wine & Dessert Tasting Gala to Benefit the American Red Cross

WHO: *Friends of the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus*
WHEN: Friday, May 2; Networking: 6:30 – 7 p.m.; Program/Wine Demo: 7 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Huntington Crosswoods Office Building Atrium @ 7575 Huntington Park Dr., Columbus
COST: \$25 per person – All proceeds benefit the American Red Cross!

Someone once said: "In wine, one beholds the heart of another."

Friends of the Red Cross invites you to attend an Exclusive Wine & Dessert Tasting Gala on Friday, May 2, 2008 from 6:30 – 8 p.m., a relaxing evening with wine and desserts, while helping a great local cause! Attendees will enjoy sipping various types of wine while nibbling on appetizers and some of the best sweet treats from local dessert makers – all while helping to raise funds for the American Red Cross.

This Exclusive Wine & Dessert Tasting Gala is being hosted in partnership by the *Friends of the Red Cross*, Central Ohio Alumni Extension (COAE) of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Columbus Rotaract and the Young Buckeyes Alumni Club. The partnership aims to raise money for the Red Cross, while also serving as a great networking opportunity for those attendees interested in learning more about these four young professional organizations.

The gala's wine selections are being provided by Sher-Bliss, a local family-owned wine and chocolate shop.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 614.253.2740 x2274 or email: ARCFriends@usa.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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