



**American
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of Greater Columbus

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Celebrate National CPR/AED Awareness Week ~ Learn to Save a Life

June 1-7 marks first observance – Red Cross goal to reach 250,000

June 2, 2008 - Learning CPR and how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) can quite possibly mean the difference between life and death for someone suffering from Sudden Cardiac Arrest or other medical emergency. During this first, congressionally declared, National CPR/AED Awareness Week, June 1-7, the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus encourages everyone to learn these important skills that could someday save a life.

“The Red Cross wants the public to know that everyone has the power to save a life. At least one person in every household and on every office floor should be trained and certified in first aid and CPR/AED,” says Michael Carroll, American Red Cross of Greater Columbus CEO. “Sudden cardiac arrest claims the lives of more than 300,000 people in the US each year. By learning simple rescue skills, you can go from being a helpless bystander to a person with the ability to take control and help someone during an emergency.”

Help the Red Cross accomplish a nationwide goal of reaching 250,000 people with lifesaving information during this week. The following CPR/AED training is open to the public:

Adult CPR with AED Course

Date: June 3, 2008

Time: 6 pm – 10:30 pm

Location: St. John’s Episcopal Church, Worthington

Adult CPR with AED Course

Date: June 5, 2008

Time: 6 pm – 10:30 pm

Location: American Red Cross, Columbus

If you can not attend this course, visit columbus.redcross.org to *take an online Adult CPR/AED course at your convenience*. You can also call 614.251.1444 for information on all of the trainings available.

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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