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City of Dublin Team Takes “Top Honors” At the 2008 Lifeguard Competition

July 14, 2008 – The crowd at OSU’s McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion spent Sunday morning cheering on lifeguards from 21 pools participating in the 2008 American Red Cross Lifeguard Competition. However, only one team could come out on top:

- First Place: City of Dublin Team Black
 - Including: Richard Coyne, Dave Dziedzicki, Scott Tsai and Jessica Vurginac
- Second Place: Hilliard Parks and Recreation
 - Including: Kyle Jennings, Tony Hurst, Alex Drake, Nicole Claire, Todd Polak
- Third Place: City of Dublin Team White
 - Including: Trent Best, Lindley Stirn, Jon Weirich, Amy Meeks

These top three teams will join additional qualifiers: City of Dublin Team Silver, Groveport Aquatics Center and Jewish Community Center at the State Lifeguard Competition in Mason, Ohio August 3rd.

While the competition is intended to be friendly and fun, the skills tested are ones that could mean life or death for an individual facing an emergency. “Every year I am impressed with the level of skill demonstrated during this competition. It is clear how seriously teams take not only this completion, but their job to keep swimmers safe,” said Scott Gerding, Aquatics Coordinator. Visit columbus.redcross.org to learn more about lifeguard and other safety training opportunities.

Editor’s Note: Photos of the event and top teams are available upon request.

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 Mary Navarro serves as the board chair.

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