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Your support gave them hope when their homes were destroyed by fire

One year after a house fire forced the Christensen family of six to flee their home, the family's children still talk about the scary event. "We ran out of the house with only the clothes on our backs," explained Jacquie Christensen. "It was a very scary time but could have been so much worse."

Nearly 530 local families have suffered from a disaster since the Christensen's fire last summer. These families lost clothing, food, keepsakes and, perhaps the most difficult to replace, their sense of security. Thanks to your financial contributions, more than \$230,327 was given to these families to help them begin their recovery.

Your donations were used to purchase clothes so that kids could go to school and parents could go back to work in the days immediately following their fire. These funds also ensured that people had a safe place to stay and items such as a toothbrush, washcloth and soap – small comforts that can go a long way. Your support helps meet the physical needs of those suffering from disasters and also restores hope and provides dignity to those who have lost so much.

"I don't know what we would have done without the Red Cross. Their help meant the world to us. We will never forget it."

Many other people in central Ohio have received help from the Red Cross after a home fire. These are a few who have benefitted from your donations.

"You just don't know what needs done and where to begin after something like this happens; fortunately the American Red Cross does."

-Beverly Jackson, Columbus

"You don't realize how much you need when you have nothing left. I am so thankful the Red Cross was there."

-Kele Willis, Columbus

"I can't express how grateful I am to the Red Cross for all of their assistance in helping my family get settled, after the fire."

-Lilly Gonzalez, Columbus



The Christensen family a year after the fire that destroyed their home.

Message from those YOU help

"The Red Cross makes sure that I get where I need to go and back home safely. Without these trips I would be lost."

-Marion Hunter, Columbus



The independence that comes with transportation to and from both medical and other appointments is vital to senior citizens in this community. In fact, the American Red Cross provided nearly 19,000 trips to seniors and others this year alone as part of its Community Transportation Program. Thank you for supporting this service which provides safe and reliable transportation to local seniors.

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The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

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Your Red Cross IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2009 - 07/01/08-06/31/09

-  Medical trips for seniors..... **18,856**
-  Families assisted after fires..... **528**
-  Financial assistance provided to disaster victims..... **\$260,796**
-  Individuals trained in CPR/First Aid **23,418**
-  Emergency messages conveyed on behalf of military families..... **595**

Disaster Relief & Preparedness
Service to Military Families
International Tracing Services
CPR & First Aid Training • First Aid Services Team
Water Safety Instruction • Blood Services
Community Transportation

Home Pool Essentials™

Maintenance and Safety

This new **online** training course, designed for home pool owners is especially important in light of the latest statistics for drowning of children less than 5 years of age. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission ...



Of the nearly 300 children who drowned last year, 79 percent occurred in residential pools.

MAKE THE TIME

to keep your family safe in and around the water this summer.

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