Message from *Leadership*

"(Red Cross) volunteers made sure that we were taken care of."

Meet the Christensen family: Mom, Dad and their four children. Jacqui never expected that her family would one day rely on the American Red Cross for food, clothing and a safe place to sleep overnight. Like the Christensen's, 60% of people in the Midwest do not think they will ever be impacted directly by a disaster and 40% admit to not having an emergency plan.

Thanks to the dedication and leadership of outgoing Board Chair, Michael Schoedinger, the ARC of Greater Columbus has continued to change the mindset of Central Ohioans by educating them on how to get prepared. In the last year, nearly 120,000 people have taken a first aid or CPR class, attended a presentation or received disaster information through our Safe Homes Safe Families program.

Our staff and volunteers reached 3,202 more people with first aid, CPR and aquatics training and 18,204 more (33% increase) with disaster education. We are proud of this accomplishment, but more importantly, we are pleased that so many more local citizens are better prepared to respond in an emergency.

The Christensen Family's story is only one of many we hear. Lance Corporal Nathan Ryerson said, "I was very impressed with the speed at which the Red Cross and the Marine Corp worked to get me home. Our beautiful son Thomas was born on August 17th, and he and my wife are doing just great." When Columbus resident, Teresa, needed transportation to her cancer treatments, she said, "When I had absolutely no one, the American Red Cross was there for me."

These are testaments to the way Red Cross volunteers respond to the needs of our community. It is your generous support that empowers these everyday people and, in turn, builds a web of goodwill within our community. Thanks to your support we are building a community of kindred neighbors – connected by gratitude and compassion.

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2008 Statistical *Highlights*

DISASTER SERVICES	
Disaster Operations	356
Total Families Assisted	470
Families Assisted Financially	377
National Disaster Volunteers	256
SERVICE TO MILITARY FAMILIES	
Emergency Communications	739
Individuals Briefed (Military)	4,586
COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION	
Transportation Trips	16,872
HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES	
CPR/First Aid/AED Enrollees	25,366
Aquatics Enrollees	18,780
Mission Related Caregiving & HIV/AIDS Education	1,358
Childcare & Instructor Training	3,883
Disaster Education Reach	73,979
Community First Aid Stations	136
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES	
Tracing Services	18
HUMAN RESOURCES	
Total Volunteers	720
Total Full-time Paid Staff	55

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MISSION OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS
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.

List of donors and supporters can be viewed at columbus.redcross.org

2008 Volunteer *Highlights*

Somewhere between our hands and our hearts lives the desire to give of ourselves in a meaningful way. To be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Renea Hushour, Disaster Health Services Volunteer and 2008 Anne Magnussen Award Winner for Red Cross Nursing Excellence

"It is an immense privilege and pleasure to be a part of the American Red Cross. I am very proud of the fact that the Red Cross relies on its volunteers to serve the community. These are wonderful conditions to volunteer in. In fact, I wonder how many 'clients' have become 'volunteers' after their experience with the Red Cross. Again, it is a privilege to 'put on the vest'. I have true admiration for our clients that persevere and for my Red Cross sisters and brothers that serve so well."

At the heart of the Red Cross is the heart of all of us. The innate desire to help change the life of another and in the process, change our own.

Jan Lenko – 2008 Exceptional Volunteer Award Recipient

As a volunteer health and safety course instructor, Jan Lenko has trained more than 10,000 members of our community in first aid and CPR. CEO Michael Carroll gave Jan high praise, when presenting him with this prestigious award, "All of our instructors encourage students to think about becoming Red Cross volunteers either as an instructor or in another service; many who have been in Jan's class take that next step because he models humility and quiet confidence alongside intense dedication – key ingredients for volunteer service."

By investing in your American Red Cross of Greater Columbus through a financial contribution or volunteering your time, you become a partner in this life-saving work. Visit columbus.redcross.org to learn how you can make a difference.

2007-2008 *Annual Report*

The condensed financial data is summarized from financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which are audited by Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. Copies of the audit report are available at the Chapter's accounting department. The data above is designed to depict operations of a pro forma basis and accordingly, is not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2008	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2008 Total
ASSETS				
Cash & Investments	$3,067,316	$567,648	-	$3,634,964
Accounts Receivable	550,259	1,974,359	-	2,524,618
Other Assets	50,770	-	-	50,770
Net Fixed Assets	2,078,800	-	-	2,078,800
Total Assets	**$5,747,145**	**$2,542,007**	**-**	**$8,289,152**
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS				
Total Liabilities	$421,248	$68,652	-	$489,900
Total Net Assets	5,325,897	2,473,355	-	7,799,252
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$5,747,145**	**$2,542,007**	**-**	**$8,289,152**
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008				
CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUE AND GAINS				
Federated (United Way)	$82,675	$1,816,289	-	$1,898,964
Legacies & Bequests	402,438	30,000	-	432,438
Other Contributions & Revenues	3,329,551	927,820	-	4,257,371
Net Assets Released from Restriction	2,636,676	(2,636,676)	-	-
Total Contributions, Revenue and Gain	**$6,451,340**	**$137,433**	**-**	**$6,588,773**
EXPENSES				
Lead Chapter Disaster/Gov't Relations	$489,791	-	-	$489,791
Armed Forces Emergency Services (AFES)	176,879	-	-	176,879
Disaster Services	1,643,426	-	-	1,643,426
Biomedical Services	156,150	-	-	156,150
Health Services	1,880,566	-	-	1,880,566
Community Services	597,626	-	-	597,626
International Services	68,296	-	-	68,296
Membership and Fund Raising	810,223	-	-	810,223
Management and General	432,110	-	-	432,110
Total Expenses & Losses	**$6,255,067**	**-**	**-**	**$6,255,067**
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	**$196,273**	**$137,433**	**-**	**$333,706**
Transfer of Net Assets from another ARC unit	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Change in Net Assets	**$196,273**	**$137,433**	**-**	**$333,706**
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	**$5,129,624**	**$2,335,922**	**-**	**$7,465,546**
Net Assets - End of Year	**$5,325,897**	**$2,473,355**	**-**	**$7,799,252**