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Mission Statement

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, 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.

Chapter Staff

Lori O'Neill <i>Executive Director</i>	Donna Mattson <i>Office Manager</i>
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Report to the Community



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The Red Cross in Our Community

Disaster Relief and Community Disaster Education

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross is there. This year we responded to 35 local disasters, all residential fires. We helped 38 affected families with emergency food, shelter and supplies.

Because being prepared can make your family and community safer and sometimes minimize injury and destruction, we made 17 disaster education presentations in the community, reaching 223 participants.

Health and Safety Services

From First Aid, CPR and AED training to swimming and life-guarding, American Red Cross programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. This year, 4,799 individuals learned lifesaving skills through 510 classes offered by the chapter. An additional 1,295 participants learned valuable health and safety information in community presentations.

Service to Armed Forces

The American Red Cross provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. We have a worldwide network that reaches service members wherever they are to communicate a birth, death or illness. This year we provided emergency connections for 53 military families and made informational presentations to 109 people either in the Armed Forces or with a family member serving in a branch of our Armed Forces.

Blood Services

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half the nation's blood supply. Over the last year, we helped run 124 blood drives, helping collect 5,983 units of blood, ensuring the supply in our area is sufficient to meet the needs of our community.

A Note About Volunteers

We depend on volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to carry on our work. Volunteers constitute 97 percent of our total workforce, serving as members of the board, instructors teaching lifesaving skills, disaster action team members, office administrators, event organizers and more.

This year, 217 volunteers made the work of the chapter possible.

Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2008

ENDING NET ASSETS	524,347
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Statement of Activities

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND GAINS	381,847
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Expenses and Losses

Program Services	
Armed Forces Emergency Services	22,526
Disaster Services	79,595
Blood Services	20,621
Health & Safety Services	65,095
Community Services	31,352
International Services	0

Total Program Services	219,189
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Membership and Fund Raising	29,968
Management and General	52,061

TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	301,218
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