



# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

South Central Mississippi Chapter



Proudly serving Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Marion, Perry, Stone & Walthall counties.

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## OUR REDCROSS

### During the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year

- 3,473 of our neighbors obtained critical lifesaving skills in first aid/CPR. 170 citizens took courses in life guarding and 102 in babysitting. 29 citizens received certification as Red Cross instructors.
- 247 families lost their homes or sustained major damage to their homes from fire were provided financial assistance to purchase emergency clothing and food. Many of these victims were housed in local motels and were provided a blanket and comfort kit. In addition, a stuffed Mickey Mouse® doll was provided for the children.
- 4,693 members of the military or their families were provided information on programs available for the military.
- 1,354 members of our community were provided lifesaving information through HIV/AIDS education programs.
- More than 254 worldwide military messages were handled, making contact in emergencies such as illness or death, and in joyful situations, such as the birth of a child.
- More than 150 volunteers provided well over 3,000 hours of support to meet the mission of the Red Cross.
- We coordinated a five-chapter response to the Mississippi tornadoes of November 2006. In Covington, Greene, Lamar, Marion and Walthall counties, 84 families who sustained tornado damage were provided financial assistance. Some were provided mental health and health assistance, or helped to return to their homes through a partnership with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.
- We also responded to a train derailment in Forrest County and provided assistance to 37 families and many first responders.

### Corporate & Community Partners

**Corporate and community sponsor support has always been key to our ability to provide lifesaving services and programs.**

Allen B. Carter  
American Legion Post #24  
Fairchild Management Co. LLC  
Friends of Asbury  
Forrest County  
Board of Supervisors  
Forrest General Hospital  
City of Hattiesburg  
Hattiesburg Clinic  
Havard Pest Control  
Jeff Davis Board of Supervisors  
Lamar County  
Board of Supervisors  
Marion County  
Board of Supervisors  
Martin O'Neal & Assc.  
Microsoft Giving  
Mildred W. Fairchild Foundation  
Mississippi Power Company  
O'Neal-Bond Engineering, Inc.  
Parker Brothers Construction  
Pearl River Valley  
Electric Power Assn.  
Perry County  
Board of Supervisors  
City of Petal  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Catholic Church  
Southern Eye Clinic  
Southern Neurologic  
Spinal Institute  
Stone County  
Board of Supervisors  
United Way  
of Southeast Mississippi  
United Way  
of the Pine Belt Region  
Walmart.com  
Wesley Medical Center

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## Community Services

- Energy Assistance Program: Assistance with utility bills for elderly or disabled citizens.
- Veterans' Services: Financial assistance for transportation, rent, food, utilities or other emergency needs.
- Youth Programs: Red Cross youth programs include the Oak Grove Youth Club and the Red Cross Council at the University of Southern Mississippi. Other youth groups volunteer on special projects, during disaster operations and in the office.
- Information and referral: Provides information on human services available in area to citizens looking for help.



## International Services

- We provide assistance to families in our community who need to locate family members in other countries during disasters. Through speaking engagements, we also provide education to our community on the role of the Red Cross in International Humanitarian Law and the Geneva Conventions.



## FINANCES

Statement of Financial Position  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2007

**ENDING NET ASSETS** \$ 471,454

**Statement of Activities**  
**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,**  
**REVENUES AND GAINS**

\$ 801,762

**Expenses and Losses**

**Program Services**

**Armed Forces Emergency Services**

\$ 125,543

**Disaster Services**

\$ 333,962

**Health Services**

\$ 117,036

**Community Services**

\$ 51,705

**International Services**

\$ 6,071

**Total Program Services**

\$ 634,317

**Membership and Fund Raising**

\$ 19,145

**Management and General**

\$ 31,362

**National HQ Preparedness & Response**

\$ 128,400

**TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES**

\$ 813,224

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Theresa Erickson	Chair	Darrel Coffey	
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		Jonathan Shemper	



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#### **Staff:**

Janice Vannatta	Executive Director
Robbie Little	Community Services Director
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Gerald Britt	Emergency Services Director
Deborah Pixler	Accounting Director
Brenda Cooley	Preparedness Coordinator
John Tryon	DFSC Warehouse Manager
Raylawni Branch	Volunteer Nurse Coordinator
Jacqueline Robinson	Client Recovery Manager
Joye Greene	Client Recovery Specialist
Kyndel Nobles	Client Recovery Specialist
Marlena Richardson	Client Recovery Specialist
Bill Johnson	Client Recovery Specialist
Robin Ebert	Community Recovery Specialist
Steven Stubblefield	Community Recovery Specialist