

## OUR MISSION

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 disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.



Above, a "Masters of Disaster" preparedness class for elementary school children at Bassfield Elementary. At right, enjoying a great evening for a good cause at MASH BASH 2008.



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### Clara Barton Society Celebrated

No better name symbolizes the spirit of caring and active volunteerism than Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross. The Clara Barton Society honors total, annual individual giving in support of our local Red Cross Chapter. All types of gifts—from cash to property—are acknowledged toward a membership in this society.

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## 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

**SOUTH  
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CHAPTER**



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

# OUR REDCROSS

## During the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year

- 3,888 of our neighbors obtained critical lifesaving skills in first aid, CPR and aquatic safety. 281 citizens took courses in aquatics and 144 in babysitting. 190 citizens received certification as Red Cross instructors.
- 260 families who lost their homes to fire or sustained major damage to their homes were provided financial assistance to purchase emergency clothing and food. Many of these victims were housed in local motels and everyone was provided a blanket, a comfort kit and a Mickey Mouse stuffed doll for the children.
- 16,600 members of the military at Camp Shelby were provided information on programs available through the "Get to Know Us Before You Need Us" presentations.
- 300 elementary age students were part of the Masters of Disaster Program, teaching preparedness for children.
- 830 citizens in our community attended preparedness presentations and meetings such as the "Be Red Cross Ready" program.
- More than 825 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.
- Another 134 service men, women or their families received American Red Cross service through your chapter as part of the Service to Armed Forces mission.
- More than 284 volunteers provided well over 3,000 hours of support to meet the mission of the Red Cross.
- There were 40 American Red Cross deployments of volunteers from this chapter to 12 disasters. These disaster volunteers covered the USA from the California Wildfires to the Iowa Floods!

## Corporate & Community Partners

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

- Covington County Board of Supervisors
- Mildred W. Fairchild Foundation
- Forrest County Board of Supervisors
- City of Hattiesburg
- Hattiesburg Clinic
- Horizon Development
- Jeff Davis County Board of Supervisors
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- Mississippi Power
- Pearl River Valley Electric Power
- Perry County Board of Supervisors
- City of Petal
- St. Thomas Catholic Church
- Stone County Board of Supervisors
- United Way of Southeast Mississippi
- United Way of the Pine Belt Reg.
- VFW Lacy Kelly Post #3036
- Willmut Gas



# OUR SERVICES

## Disaster Services

- Emergency services provided during natural disasters include food, shelter, clothing, cleaning supplies, medical needs, mental health services and communication. These services are provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Single Family Fire Assistance: Emergency shelter, food, clothing and medical needs. Each family is also given new blankets, comfort kits and aid-referral contacts.
- At Christmas, each fire family is given the opportunity to receive additional help through our "Adopt-A-Fire-Family" Christmas program.
- Post Katrina, this chapter has increased its capacity to respond to the needs of the community during catastrophic disasters. Examples of success in this effort are the training of more than 300 additional disaster volunteers and the increased inventory of shelters from 8 to 29, which are now able to house more than 6,000 citizens. Also significant is the securing of a national Red Cross disaster warehouse in Hattiesburg, with more than 900,000 square feet of non-perishable disaster supplies available to the region.

## Armed Forces Emergency Service

- Communication services between the military and civilian community during an emergency such as a death or serious illness.
- Financial assistance for emergency needs for active duty military, eligible former military and their families provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- "Get to Know Us Before You Need Us," an outreach program for military personnel and members of the reserves, is provided regularly at Camp Shelby.
- The Red Cross provides briefings on protocols for emergency military communications for Chaplains training at Camp Shelby prior to their deployment.
- The Red Cross acts as the agent for Army Emergency Relief for personnel stationed at Camp Shelby, as well as military families living in the area.

## Health & Safety Services

- Our Red Cross chapter offers more than 35 classes for business, industry, schools, church groups and the community at large, including first aid, adult and infant CPR, AED training, life saving, babysitting and HIV/AIDS education.
- Our chapter also presents programs on health and safety issues at schools, colleges, churches, civic clubs and provides first-aid stations at public events.

## Community Services

- Energy Assistance Program: Provides assistance with utility bills for elderly or disabled citizens who are clients of Willmut Gas, Mississippi Power and Pearl River Valley Electric Power Company.
- Veterans' Services: Financial assistance for transportation, rent, food, utilities or other emergency needs.
- \* Nursing Services: Volunteer nurses assist at community events. Nurses also staff shelters during disaster operations and assist in fire family casework.

- 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.



Stone County Disaster Action Team opens their new office in Wiggins.

# FINANCES

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

<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 437,783</b>
<b>Statement of Activities</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND GAINS</b>	<b>\$ 894,574</b>
<b>Expenses and Losses</b>	
<b>Program Services</b>	
<b>Armed Forces Emergency Services</b>	<b>\$ 138,400</b>
<b>Disaster Services</b>	<b>\$ 492,873</b>
<b>Health Services</b>	<b>\$ 150,029</b>
<b>Community Services</b>	<b>\$ 54,447</b>
<b>International Services</b>	<b>\$ 8,473</b>
<b>Services to Chapters</b>	<b>\$ 20,012</b>
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$ 864,234</b>
<b>Membership and Fund Raising Management and General</b>	<b>\$ 18,721</b>
	<b>\$ 45,293</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>	<b>\$ 928,248</b>

*This year-end financial report was prepared by Wright CPA Group. A complete copy of this report is available at the South Central MS Chapter Office.*