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Red Cross**

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Serving Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties

Spring/Summer 2010

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## **MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH**

Our community and our nation depend on the Red Cross in times of need, and the Red Cross depends on the support of people in America to achieve its mission. Red Cross Month is a time to recognize the valuable supporters whose generosity makes the work of the American Red Cross possible.

- The Red Cross provides shelter, food, comfort and hope to survivors of nearly 70,000 disasters each year; helps prepare communities for emergencies; is the largest single provider of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills to more than 5 million people a year; supports military members and their families, and provides international humanitarian aid.
- Each year nearly 4 million generous volunteer blood donors provide 6 million units of blood and blood products that help save countless lives. The Red Cross uses its national inventory system to ensure that this blood is available whenever and wherever it is needed.
- The American Red Cross touches the lives of millions of people every year through its network of 34,000 employees and more than 600,000 volunteers in more than 2,000 locations across the United States and more than 30 countries around the world.
- We're proud of our history and appreciative of the volunteers, employees and supporters who have given time, blood or contributions to enable the Red Cross to perform its life-saving mission.
- The American Red Cross is not a government agency, and relies on the generosity of the American public to deliver its services to those in need. For every dollar donated to the Red Cross, 91 cents goes to support the mission and programs of the Red Cross.

This Red Cross Month, we are thanking our supporters and urging people in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties to continue to be involved with their Red Cross.

- The Red Cross works tirelessly to be there with help and hope when people need it most—and we are grateful for the public support that enables us to continue our work – here at home and abroad.
- Red Cross Month is a great time for people to get involved with the Red Cross, such as donating blood; signing up for a CPR, first aid or another Red Cross course; giving a financial gift that can really save the day when the next disaster strikes, or volunteering.

Although major disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and wildfires capture national media headlines, the day-to-day work of the Red Cross often takes place in local communities.

- In the past year, the Allen, Auglaize and Hardin County Chapters responded to over one-hundred local emergencies, assisted 105 military families and trained over 7,000 people in lifesaving skills. And, people from this area donated over 8,000 units of blood.

Red Cross Month is a time for the Red Cross to thank all of our supporters!

To stay current on chapter activity we encourage all of you to visit the chapter web site for the latest in chapter information. Blood drive schedules, health and safety class schedules and special event dates are all posted on the chapter web site at [www.allenohrc.org](http://www.allenohrc.org). Also, become a Red Cross Fan on the Chapters Facebook page. As always, we count on each of you through your generous giving of time, blood and financial support to make our chapter successful. It is with your help that we are able to do great things!

## Gallon Blood Donors

Congratulations to those of you who have donated 10 gallons or more! For a schedule of upcoming blood drives or to schedule your next appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

### 10 GALLONS

Mark Fischer  
Alan Goergens  
Jeff Ketcham  
Bonnie Merschman  
Larry Seibert  
Mary Wilkin  
Delores Winegardner

### 11 GALLONS

George Berelsman  
Jack Bohn  
William Carder  
Ted Davis  
Elaine Krietemeyer  
Ronald Rodé  
Trevor Violet

### 12 GALLONS

William Cheney  
John Mangas  
Terry Spring

### 13 GALLONS

Dennis Chassee  
Rosemary McPheron  
Charles Shumaker  
Phillip Steiner

### 14 GALLONS

Ronald Bibler  
Willard Brewster  
Thomas Hoersten

### 15 GALLONS

Orley O'Daffer  
Richard Kohli  
Todd Morden

### 16 GALLONS

David Adams  
Keith Dyer  
Philip Morris  
Dee Sherer

### 17 GALLONS

Dennis Marsh

### 18 GALLONS

John Venturella

### 19 GALLONS

Kathleen Poling

### 28 GALLONS

Earl Hofstetter

## Blood Drives

For the latest schedule of blood drives in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties, go to a new national American Red Cross Web site at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and find a list of drives not only in our region, but around the nation on a daily basis.

Blood drives are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Chapter House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the third Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Chapter is located at 610 S. Collett St., Lima. Other blood drives are held in the counties on a regular basis.

If you are at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and are in good general health, you may be eligible to donate blood. All donors need to present positive identification. For more information or to schedule your blood donation appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Or, schedule your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Red Cross Honors Volunteers

### Allen County Residents and Organizations Honored

#### Red Cross Distributes Awards for Outstanding Support

On Friday, Oct. 2, the American Red Cross Blood Services, Indiana-Ohio Region, hosted its annual meeting and recognition luncheon at the Orthopedic Capital Center in Winona Lake, Ind. Many awards were given out, including the Outstanding Blood Donor, Volunteer Service, Lifesaver, First Time Sponsor, Creative Genius and Chapter Partnership Awards.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the American Red Cross Partnership Awards, which recognize the invaluable work of the chapters, hospitals and sponsors that support the Indiana-Ohio Region.

The Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross was nominated for the Chapter Partnership Award. This chapter hosts monthly blood drives, which ensures a regular site for people to

donate, and coordinates volunteers for blood drives in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties.

Under the leadership of Executive Director David Collins, the chapter's tireless work has helped strengthen Red Cross Blood Services in Lima and surrounding communities.

The Outstanding Blood Donor Award recognizes the individual in each county served by the Indiana-Ohio Region who had a combination of the highest donation frequency in Fiscal Year 2009 and the highest lifetime donations. **Richard McCrate** of Wapakoneta was honored with this award for donating 164 units in his lifetime and six times this past year.

The Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recognizes the countless Red Cross volunteers who serve the community at blood drives, donation centers and local Red Cross chapters. **Phyllis Brown** of Elida and **Mary Jane Vermillion** of Lima received this award.

The First Time Sponsor Award was given to the **Allen County Department of Job and Family Services** for holding its first Red Cross blood drive during the last year.

The Creative Genius Award, presented to the **Lima Public Library**, recognizes sponsors who keep a blood drive successful year after year with new ideas to grow the donor base, to execute a smooth and successful drive and to achieve a team approach to organizing and implementing a blood drive.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you recently retired? Do you want to tangibly help your neighbor? Are you bored sitting around at home? Why not volunteer for the American Red Cross? Please consider us and give us a call. Listed below are the current openings:

- **Disaster Assistance Team (DAT), Allen, Auglaize, Hardin counties**
- **Front desk receptionist, Allen**

If interested, contact Karen Jantzi at 419-227-5121 or [blood@allenohrc.org](mailto:blood@allenohrc.org).

# Tributes & Memorials

In lieu of flowers, a memorial or in honor of contribution pays tribute to loved ones. A notice is sent to the family of each honoree notifying them of the contribution. The chapter is grateful for donations made between September 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010 in memory of or in honor of the following people:

## In Honor of Jerry Cramer

Tender Loving Care Mothers Club

## In Honor of Valerie Berger's Birthday for Haiti Relief

Joerdis and Eric Fisher

## In Memory of Lyle Gilbert

David Adams

Allen County Education Service Center for Local Disaster Relief

Allen County Regional Airport Authority  
Shama and Ashwin Amin

Lisa and Jonathan Barrett  
Michelle and Jeffrey Brandstadt and Family

Gayle and Jim Barnes  
Heather and Douglas Bell  
Black River Systems Co.  
Betty and David Bowers  
Sandra and Thomas Bowman  
Reah and Richard Buchanan  
Jean and Kenneth Clemens  
Faith Cummings

DeHaven Home and Garden  
JoAnn and Timothy DeHaven  
Cathy and Fred Eldridge  
Stephanie and Jeff Fisher  
Clovis and Jake Hagood

Hans Houshower  
Kay and Mike Jones  
Mary and Trevor Jones  
L.A.U.R.A. Group for Haiti Relief

Judy and Verlin Lawrence  
League of Women Voter Board  
Sally and John MacDonell

Metokote Corporation  
Diana and Robert Moore  
Tracey Moulton for Haiti Relief  
Wanda and Jon Neuman

Norma Rakowsky  
Robin and Matthew Rinehart  
Lois Rubens

Joanne and Jack Spratt, Jr.  
Barbara and Ernest Stawarski  
Kristine Thackrey

## On Behalf of His Grandchildren

Frederick Graff, Jr.

## In Memory of Hannah Hardy

Board of Directors of the Lima  
Growth Association

Casa Demonte and Lena Blair  
Philip Burnside

Betsy and William Caudill  
Linda and Glenn Fisher  
Jean and Thomas Francis

Ann and Gregory Frost  
Mary and Earl Hefner  
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## In Memory of George Hunsaker

Lori Degen

## In Memory of Rita Longbrake

Ford Salaried Retirees Club

## In Memory of Nancy Perry

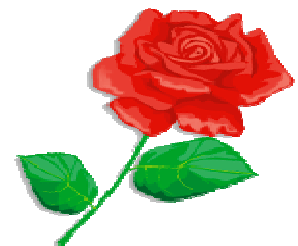
Jane Flory

## In Memory of Michaline Werling for Haiti Relief

Dr. Howell Lloyd  
Rebecca Thomas

## In Honor of Renee Wilkes for Haiti Relief

Samantha and Jason Houx



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Unity Dinner  
June 17, 2010

All American Theme

Call for more information  
(419) 227-5121

Save  
the  
Date!



American Red Cross  
Golf Classic

Monday, August 2, 2010

Shawnee Country Club

We hope to see you there!

## What's New in Hardin County

Over the past year, Hardin County Red Cross board members have been very active in raising awareness of the services Red Cross offers to the community. Two fundraising events were held to help supplement these vital programs and services. A dinner was held at the Plaza Inn Restaurant in the Spring and in November, a Pancake/Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast was held at the Kenton Moose Lodge.

Events scheduled for 2010 include the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hardin County Red Cross Golf Scramble to be held at the Memorial Park Golf Club on Saturday, July 17. A Pancake/Whole Hog Sausage Breakfast is planned again on Saturday, November 27th from 7:30 am – 11:30 am at the Kenton Moose Lodge. This is the morning of holiday events around the square. Please mark your calendars now for both of these dates and help us grow our local Red Cross.

**Blood Drives:** In 2009, 50 blood drives were held in Hardin County collecting 1,860 units of blood which has the potential of helping 5,580 people. This is within 5 units of reaching our goal. Four to five blood drives are held every month throughout Hardin County. Monthly blood drives are held at the Kenton Moose Lodge and every other month in Ada and Mt. Victory. Local businesses also help us meet our goal by holding blood drives throughout the year, as

well as all six school districts and ONU.

**Emergency Responders:** Another area that has been growing over the past year is the Hardin County Disaster Action Team (DAT) emergency responders. Ten individuals have completed training to respond to victims of house fires throughout Hardin County. In 2009, DAT responded to 13 residential fires and aided 47 victims with immediate shelter, food and clothing at a cost of over \$8,000. More FREE trainings are being offered. Anyone with a passion to help others is encouraged to get involved. The goal is to have a core group of responders available in every community. Daryl Flowers and Cory Dyer are co-captains for our DAT team.

**Shelter Agreements:** Some of the work going on behind the scenes over the past year has been to secure shelter agreements with a few local businesses and organizations strategically throughout the county. So far, nine facilities have been surveyed and approved as Red Cross shelters.

**Service to the Armed Forces:** Red Cross is the only organization that has the privilege to work with our military in relaying emergency messages to our soldiers due to a family emergency here at home such as a birth, death or serious health condition of a family member. In 2009, 18

communications were relayed on behalf of people in our community.

**Health & Safety Education:** 334 individuals from 14 businesses have received life saving trainings such as CPR, First Aid, and AED over the past year. Daryl Flowers is a certified instructor and is available to go into the workplace to teach employees throughout Hardin County these vital lifesavings skills.

**Community Education:** Presentations were held in 2009 to educate civic organizations and the public on emergency preparedness. In October, a total of 226 second graders in the Kenton and Ada School districts were visited by Red Cross and were given a presentation through a "Masters of Disaster" video on fire prevention and safety.

**Volunteers:** If it weren't for volunteers donating their time, blood and money, Red Cross could not do what we do. Last year, over 1,143 volunteer hours were captured between those who serve on the advisory board, at blood drives and as DAT responders.

Kenton Dominoes Pizza, raised \$2,250 on January 28, 2010 to aid Haiti relief.

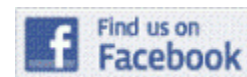


### HARDIN COUNTY GALLON BLOOD DONORS

Congratulations to those of you who have donated 10 gallons or more!

**10 GALLONS**  
Dean Schmidt

**11 GALLONS**  
John Steinman



Keep up with current activities of American Red Cross in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties by becoming a fan of our Facebook page.

Potential fans should go to our website at [www.allenohrc.org](http://www.allenohrc.org) and click on the Facebook link to become a fan. Please join us for daily updates on what's happening at your local Red Cross.

American Red Cross - Hardin County Branch • 1025 South Main Street, Kenton, OH 43326  
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Phone (419) 674-2295 - 24 hour emergency response

## What's New in Auglaize County

As an active partner with Auglaize County Fire Departments and the Local Emergency Management Committee, the American Red Cross of Auglaize County, continues to provide a full range of Red Cross services.

Highlights of Auglaize County Red Cross Services and Activities are:

- From January 2009 to December 31, 2009, eighty-three sites for health and safety training were provided in Auglaize County.
- From January 2009 to December 31, 2009, twenty-seven people were provided disaster relief.
- November 2009, DaNeen Bryan, Auglaize County Red Cross Director was named Local Emergency Management Vice Chair. Red Cross has been very active in the county-wide emergency preparation and planning while partnering with the Emergency Management Agency and the Auglaize County Health Department.
- Starting January 2009 to December 31, 2009, to bridge the understanding of Red Cross services and the many human service organizations, as well as, business, industry, schools and faith based organizations, Director Bryan has participated in planning meetings and/or provided presentations in 199 activities/services.
- Program year starting July 1 to present, there has been 2,322 donors presenting for Blood Service donations. Additionally, Auglaize County Red Cross has held 48 blood drives throughout the County.
- Auglaize County Red Cross welcomes new members for Disaster Action Team participation. The American Red Cross of Auglaize County's Disaster Action Team members hold monthly meetings offering an opportunity for local residents, interested in becoming Red Cross volunteers, to learn more about our local services; and, for added convenience, these meetings are held at the fire departments throughout the county. All meetings and special events of The American Red Cross of Auglaize County are posted on the local cable networks and in the Wapakoneta Daily News and St. Mary's The Evening Leader.

If you are in need of Red Cross services or wish to volunteer your time and/or contribute to the Auglaize County Red Cross Branch, please call the American Red Cross – Auglaize County Branch Office at (419) 738-3213.

### AUGLAIZE COUNTY GALLON BLOOD DONORS

#### 10 GALLONS

Larry Bensman  
Bruce Bernhold  
David Dalinghaus  
Richard Howe  
Gregory Maltinsky  
Jane McNeal  
Diane Piehl  
Amy Scheer

#### 13 GALLONS

William Holtkamp  
Dorothy Pohlmann  
Laurie Wagner

#### 16 GALLONS

James Hepp

#### 18 GALLONS

William McCollum

#### 11 GALLONS

Mary Schumann

#### 28 GALLONS

Stanley Maxson



### Auglaize County Residents and Organizations Honored Red Cross Distributes Awards for Outstanding Support

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Auglaize County resident **Gary Hale** of St. Marys received the Outstanding Blood Donor Award, which recognizes the individual in each county served by the Indiana-Ohio Region who had a combination of the highest donation frequency in Fiscal Year 2009 and the highest lifetime donations. Hale has donated 185 units in his lifetime and six times this past year.

The Outstanding Volunteer Service Award recognizes the countless Red Cross volunteers who serve the community at blood drives, donation centers and local Red Cross chapters. **Jean Sells** and **Katie McCullough**, both of Wapakoneta, received this award in recognition of their service.

The **Joint Township District Memorial Hospital** was presented with the Growing by Leaps and Bounds Award, which recognizes blood drive sponsors who have increased the units of blood donated at their blood drives by at least 25 percent or who have increased the number of blood drives they hosted in the last year.

New sponsors **Northridge Elementary School** and **Centennial Elementary School** received the First Time Sponsor Award for holding their first American Red Cross blood drive during the last year.

**American Red Cross - Auglaize County Branch • 10 West Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta, OH 45895**

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 232, Wapakoneta, OH 45895**

**Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Phone (419) 738-3213 - 24 hour emergency response**

## Disaster Blaster

The Allen County Emergency Services Department DAT team responded to 79 incidents and served 292 people during 2009. Our activity continues and during January 2010 the DAT Team responded to 10 Incidents and served 32 people.



On January 18 the Emergency Services Department held the annual Dr. Martin Luther King blanket drive at the Lima Mall center court. It was a huge success with donations of 230 blankets to date. It is really comforting to our clients coming out of a house fire with limited clothing on to be able to wrap up in a nice warm blanket. Our sincere thanks to all who donated.

The training of Ohio Northern Students is now complete. The students have been trained in the necessary classes and are now able to respond to DAT calls as needed. They will be able to take these skills with them as they return to their homes after college and continue to provide assistance in their communities.

The Allen County Chapter Emergency Services Director along with the Auglaize County Executive Director participated in the Auglaize County Acute Care Center Drill on January 27.

Response to the earthquake in Haiti has been very good. We have fielded numerous calls from volunteers willing to go to Haiti to assist in their recovery. The recovery effort is being handled by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent and the American Red Cross is in a support role. The American Red Cross cannot accept hard goods for delivery to Haiti due to the inability to store, sort and transport the goods and the fact that the cost to do so often will far out way the value of the goods donated. The best way to help is with a monetary gift. A donation by cell phone by dialing 90999 and texting Haiti has been very popular.



A Community Partner

## Free CPR/AED Classes Offered

The American Red Cross/Allen County Chapter will hold its third annual Adult CPR/AED Awareness Week on May 31st through June 5th. Lima Memorial Health System sponsored this National Campaign for our chapter last year. With Lima Memorial Health System's generosity we will once again offer Adult CPR/AED classes this year at no charge to anyone wanting to take this course.

Our class schedule is listed on our website – [www.allenohrc.org](http://www.allenohrc.org), and you must pre-register for these classes. Please call Patrick Shelton at 419-227-5121 Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm to register. Availability for these classes is on a first come first serve basis. Individuals only, No Businesses please. Thank you.

For a list of dates and times for all our classes please visit us at [www.allenohrc.org](http://www.allenohrc.org). There you can print a copy of each of our class schedules.

## Babysitters Training

The purpose of this class is to provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. The price of the class includes Babysitters book and a Babysitters First Aid Backpack Kit.



**DATE: Saturday, May 8, 2010 8:00 am-2:30 pm**

**COST: \$40.00 per person (must pre-register)**

**PLACE: American Red Cross Chapter House**

Participants need to BRING A SACK LUNCH AND DRINK

Parents need to register children with Paul Barker at 419-227-5121 or by emailing him at [workplace@allenohrc.org](mailto:workplace@allenohrc.org)  
Our office hours: are from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

## MARK CALENDARS FOR VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BANQUET

Volunteers, it's your time.

The annual Volunteer Recognition and Annual Meeting for 2010 will be held Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at American Legion Post 96. The event will recognize people who have volunteered in 2009 for the American Red Cross in Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties.

Dinner will be provided by American Legion Post 96. Volunteers will be honored for their dedication and commitment to the American Red Cross.

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