

## 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.

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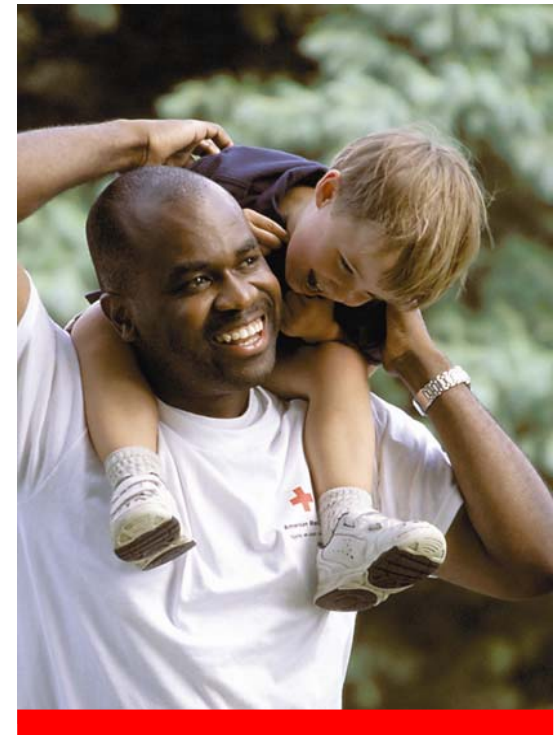
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With your financial gift, you become one of millions of Americans who donate their time, money and blood to the humanitarian work of the Red Cross. Mail or phone in your donation today.



## *July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 Report to the Community*



Northeast Louisiana Chapter

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll

# 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 196 local disasters, mostly residential fires. We helped the 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 disaster education presentations to almost 400 people in the community.

## *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, 3,395 individuals learned lifesaving skills through 391 classes offered by the Chapter.

## *International Services*

The international tracing program helps local families find relatives with whom they have lost contact because of a natural disaster, war or internal conflict. We partner with the University of Louisiana-Monroe Office of International Students to insure that those students are aware of the services offered by the Red Cross.

## *Service to the 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 352 military families and facilitated \$8,500 in military loans.

## *Nursing Home Services*

Volunteers visit nursing homes to offer support and encouragement. In addition to the personal attention given to residents, the volunteers host Bingo and Bible Trivia, as well as birthday parties.

## *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, 475 Chapter volunteers made the work of the Chapter possible.

## *Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2009*

<b>ENDING NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 580,026</b>
<i>Statement of Activities</i>	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,</b>	
<b>REVENUES AND GAINS</b>	<b>\$ 549,543</b>
Expenses and Losses	
Program Services	
Armed Forces Emergency Services	54,544
Disaster Services	123,350
Health Services	70,961
Community Services	5,611
International Services	0
Total Program Services	\$ 254,466
National Sector – Chapter Assessment	96,228
Membership and Fund Raising	79,680
Management and General	115,678
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>	<b>\$ 546,052</b>

*The finances of the Northeast Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross have been audited by Hulsey, Harwood & Sheridan, LLC. A copy of the report is available at the Red Cross office.*

**The Northeast Louisiana Chapter is a United Way partner agency.**