



## Report to Nebraska - 2008

### 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.

## The American Red Cross In Our Community – Serving Nebraska

### *Disaster Relief and Community Disaster Education*

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross is there. **Last year we responded to 477 local house fires and disasters throughout Nebraska.** 602 affected individuals and families needed assistance with emergency food, shelter and supplies.

### *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. **Last year, 99,251 individuals learned lifesaving skill in Red Cross courses.** Courses include:

- ▶ CPR
- ▶ First Aid
- ▶ Babysitting
- ▶ HIV prevention
- ▶ Professional Rescuer Training
- ▶ First Responder Training

### *Blood Services*

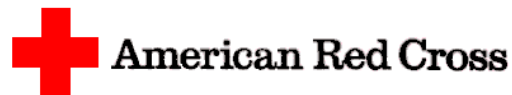
Governed by volunteers and supported by giving individuals and communities, **the American Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood products to hospitals throughout the United States.** While local hospital needs are always met first, the Red Cross also helps ensure no patient goes without blood no matter where or when they need it. The Red Cross provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply. Last year's statistics:

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| ● Number of hospitals served:                   | 82                                       |
| ● Number of volunteer blood donors              | nearly 73,000                            |
| ● Annual red cell donations:                    | over 150,000 Platelets donations: 31,000 |
| ● Number of volunteer blood drive coordinators: | about 1,200                              |
| ● Number of blood drives                        | over 5,200                               |

### *Armed Forces Emergency Services*

Nebraska families who have loved ones in the military can depend on the Red Cross for assistance when faced with emergencies. The American Red Cross provides emergency 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. **Last year, 1,060 Nebraska families depended on the Red Cross to notify a soldier of a death, critical illness or other family emergency.**





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### *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. In Nebraska, more than 4,944 volunteers provided services last year.*

### *Nebraska Chapters:*

#### **Central Plains Regional Chapter**

Grand Island, NE  
Contact: Donna Titman  
(308) 382-3790

#### **Fort Kearney Chapter**

Kearney, NE  
Contact: Relena Lyddon Myers  
(308) 234-2770

#### **Heartland Regional Chapter**

Omaha, NE  
Contact: Tina Labellarte-Price  
(402) 343-7770

#### **Northeast Nebraska Chapter**

Wayne, NE  
Contact: Lori Carollo  
(402) 375-5209

#### **Southeast Nebraska Chapter**

Beatrice, NE  
Contact: Rosemary Niemeier  
(402) 223-4211

#### **Cornhusker Regional Chapter**

Lincoln, NE  
Contact: Randall S. Jones  
(402) 441-7997

#### **Greater Nebraska Panhandle Chapter**

Scottsbluff, NE  
Contact: Jann Rouzee  
(308) 635-2114

#### **Lincoln County Chapter**

North Platte, NE  
Contact: Rob Prillaman  
(308) 532-5041

#### **Prairie Valley Chapter**

Columbus, NE  
Contact: Jenni Moje  
(402) 564-8314

#### **Midwest Blood Service Region**

Omaha, NE  
Contact: Trisha Rubens  
(402) 341-2723

#### **To donate blood:**

Simply call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543)

## **Be Red Cross Ready**

**Get A Kit. Make A Plan. Be Informed.**