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Serving Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo & St. Joseph Counties

KAZOO CANTEEN



Kazoo Canteen Committee Looking for Volunteers to Assist 2007 Event

By Richard Martinovich, Chapter Volunteer

Though we have barely begun to deal with winter, the *Kazoo Canteen* Steering Committee is already thinking spring! The Steering Committee is responsible for planning the *Kazoo Canteen*, an evening of great entertainment, food, dancing and a popular silent auction!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The 2007 *Kazoo Canteen* will be held Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University. Tickets will go on sale in early spring.

The *Kazoo Canteen* is the annual fundraiser for the American Red Cross serving Kalamazoo, Allegan, Cass and St. Joseph counties, and represents an important source of annual revenue for the Chapter. "This is our one big fund-raising event per year, and it is very important in helping us to provide valuable Red Cross services to the community," says Sean McCann, Director of Fund Development. "2006 was our most successful *Canteen* to date, but to ensure next year will reach the Chapter's goals, we will need to get more volunteers involved."



Canteen committee members discuss the 2007 event plans at their November meeting.



The *Kazoo Canteen* Committee has been meeting once a month since August to prepare for 2007. One pressing need is volunteers to help with contacting potential event sponsors. Anyone interested in joining the Committee, please contact Terri Franklin, Director of Communications and Community Relations, at (269) 353-6180, ext. 121, or email franklin@greaterkzooedcross.org.

"The *Kazoo Canteen* Committee is a dedicated group," says McCann. "But we like to think we have fun, too!"

*For the sixth year in a row, the 2007 **Kazoo Canteen** will again feature the musical talents of the Otsego Jazz Ensemble and the Beltline Big Band.*

Consolidating Functions to Expand Service Capacities

by Marilyn Vineyard, Executive Director

Like most organizations, the American Red Cross must continually review its operations and priorities to assure it is providing the most effective and efficient services. It must be sure that it is making maximum use of its resources while strategically planning for long-term viability.

In the last few years comprehensive studies have occurred in technology, administrative services and fundraising that are resulting in some major initiatives for Red Cross. Under the name of ARC-One, these initiatives are intended to achieve some key objectives over a three-year period, these being:

- Increase our non-episodic (specific disaster-related) fundraising results to \$1 billion annually. This will help ensure that we have the infrastructure and capacity to meet the increased demands of disasters and other crises to which we respond. We collectively do VERY well in raising money for helping those affected by highly visible major incidents, such as Hurricane Katrina, that receive much media attention. But, we don't do well at raising the regular operating funds that keep the engines churning on a daily basis or supply the response to small, local disasters.
- Reduce total administrative costs for the whole organization by at least 30% by consolidating administrative tasks wherever possible, and making maximum use of available technology.

- Increase the number of active Red Cross volunteers by 10% per year and assure that they have the training and resources necessary to be effective.
- Increase the visibility and presence of Red Cross in underserved communities by 50%. An underserved community is defined as one in which the ARC has no virtual or actual presence.
- Assure that our services, both for catastrophic and non-catastrophic circumstances, are of consistently high quality based on uniform standards across chapters and blood regions.

Under this plan there will be two levels of chapters organized – Regional and Community chapters.

There will be approximate 200 regional chapters nationwide that will have some responsibility in coordinating resources and building or sustaining relationships for the community chapters. Regional chapters will have a more comprehensive set of performance indicators to meet than will the community chapters.

Our chapter has been designated to become a regional chapter. Our territory is expected to include up to 18 counties in west Michigan. July 2007 is the official launch date for this new structure.

To clients and customers this should be an invisible change; to volunteers – this may offer expanded or new opportunities as groups of chapters do regional planning to meet the unique needs in their areas. Stay tuned!

Just in Time for Holiday Giving!



Still looking for that perfect holiday gift? Why not give the gift of safety and preparedness? This Red Cross Family First Aid Kit is ideal for home, auto, office, vacation cabin or dorm room. It is packed full of first aid supplies and instructions to help you or someone you love handle many minor injuries or emergencies. It all folds down into a compact travel pack that's easy to carry or store anywhere.

All this for just \$19.95 (plus tax). Stop by the Chapter and get yours today!

Good Things Come to Those Who Plan...and Wait!

Knowing that people are living longer, many responsible Americans wisely started IRA planning years ago. Their foresight paved the way for them to accumulate very large IRA plans that now necessitate additional planning on how to best utilize them.

After age 71, individuals must start withdrawing a certain amount of money from their IRA every year, regardless of whether they need it. And, if they do not use it, their heirs will pay taxes on the remaining funds when they die.

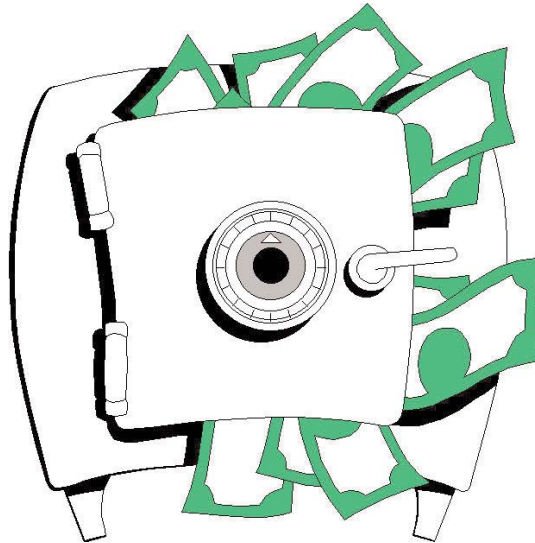
Individuals who participated in retirement savings plans have been able to make estate gifts through a simple beneficiary designation when they die. They've been unable, however, to give any qualified retirement plan to a charity while living and not pay the taxes - until now.

The new Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA 2006) is great news for philanthropists and charities, but one needs to know the specifics to be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

The new opportunity gives philanthropists a way to use their IRAs to make charitable gifts to their favorite public charities. Currently those charities fall under Sec. 509(a)(1) and Sec. 170(b)(1)(A) of the tax code. The gifts must come out of a regular or Roth IRA to be used for the general purposes of the charity.

The new law allows individuals to make gifts up to \$100,000 and applies to donors over 70½. One nice thing about it being after age 70½ is that the gift transfer should qualify for the required minimum distribution (RMD) of the IRA.

A donor should not withdraw the funds out of the IRA before making the gift to the charity, but should transfer the funds directly to the charity.



Unfortunately, PPA 2006 excludes planned giving options like charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and pooled income funds. Unless the law is revised, the opportunity will end December 31, 2007.

Arranging to make the gift is easy and the gift will not increase the donor's taxes for the year of the gift. With all changes regarding your finances, there should be some precaution. An IRA gift can affect your financial picture, and we advise that you get all the facts on how to make the gift and the financial consequences.

If you need more information or would like to discuss the new IRA giving opportunities, please call Sean McCann, Development Director, at (269) 353-6180, ext. 122, or e-mail at mccann@greaterkzooredcross.org.

Many Thanks!!

The Chapter wants to give special thanks to the following foundations for their generous support of our local Red Cross: (1) **The Three Rivers Area Community Foundation**, for a grant to help fund local disaster relief expenses in St. Joseph County; (2) **The Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation** for a grant that will go toward the purchase of a Chapter van.

Kudos go to **Heather Person**, Chapter volunteer, who helped secure the grants.

What Your Donations Can Do

When you donate to the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter, your gift goes a long way to help local families in need following a house fire or other disaster!

For a \$1 per week donation (\$52)

- Food for 1 person for 1 week
- 1 night's lodging
- Seasonal clothing for 1

For a \$2 per week donation (\$104)

- Clothing for 1
- Food for 2 persons for 1 week

- Seasonal clothing for 2
- 2 night's lodging

For a \$5 per week donation (\$260)

- Shoes and clothing for 2
- 3-4 night's lodging
- Seasonal clothing for 5

For a \$10 per week donation (\$520)

- Food for 3 people for 1 week PLUS clothing and shoes
- Temporary lodging for 2-3 families.

Please use the envelope in this newsletter to submit your tax-deductible gift today.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Client Assistant Cards (CAC):

Caseworkers- This on-line course introduces participants to the procedures required to issue & activate CACs for local or national disaster operations.

Client Casework: Emergency Assistance- Trains Red Cross casework volunteers on proper client interviews and procedures for providing emergency aid.

Community Services Overview- (Formerly called *Mass Care*) An overview of Community Services workers' tasks and how to deliver excellent service.

Disaster Action Team (DAT) Orientation- Outlines the expectations of a DAT member.

ERV Training- Prepares volunteers to drive and maintain our Emergency Response Vehicle.

Fulfilling Our Mission: Translating Your Compassion into Community Action- Introduces potential disaster volunteers to the role of the Red Cross in the community's plan for preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters.

Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment- This partially on-line course explores related preparedness tasks, and explains how to collect and communicate assessment information in support of management and service delivery decisions.

Introduction to Disaster- This video-based course provides the fundamental information about disaster, the community response, and the role of the Red Cross. *This course is a prerequisite to all other disaster training.*

Shelter Operations & Simulation- Prepares participants to effectively manage a mass care shelter and provides participants an opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills needed to operate a shelter.

Greater Kalamazoo Area Disaster Training Schedule January-February-March 2007

*Prior to taking any of the courses listed here students must complete the **Introduction to Disaster** course.

Introduction to Disaster is available on-line at www2.redcross.org/flash/course01_v01/ For questions about this course please contact Erin at (269) 353-6180, ext. 113.

You can complete Introduction to Disaster on your home computer, but we recommend that you have a cable, T-1, satellite or other high-speed modem to do so. *A basic dial-up internet connection will be exceedingly slow in handling this presentation.* **You may come to the Chapter and use our computers, with high speed Internet connection for this class! Call Erin to schedule.**

To schedule your enrollment in any of these classes, please call Erin Tarnutzer at (269) 353-6180, ext. 113, or email Erin at tarnutzer@greaterkzooedcross.org.

Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment
Saturday, March 24 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Fulfilling Our Mission
Friday, February 16 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Client Casework: Emergency Assistance
Saturday, February 17 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Client Assistance Cards: Caseworkers
Sunday, February 18 9:00 am - noon

Disaster Action Team Orientation
Sunday, February 18 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Emergency Response Vehicle Training (ERV: Ready, Set, Roll!)
Monday, February 19 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Community Services Overview
Tuesday, February 20 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Shelter Operations/Simulation
Thursday, February 22 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Blood Drives: St. Joseph County – Jan.-Feb.-Mar. 2007

Thurs., Jan. 18	10:00 am-3:45 pm	Sturgis Women's Club--for Sturgis hospital staff only
Thurs., Jan. 18	1:00-6:45 pm	Locust Grove Mennonite Church, 29525 Findley Rd., Burr Oak
Mon., Feb. 5	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 W. South St., Sturgis (closed to public)
Tue., Feb. 6	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak Tool & Die, 405 W. South St., Sturgis (closed to public)
Tues, Feb. 6	10:00 am-3:45 pm	St. Joseph County ISD, 62445 Shimmel Rd, Centreville, Appt only: (269) 467-5400
Wed., Feb. 7	Noon-5:45 pm	Mendon High School, 26393 Kirby Rd., Mendon
Mon., Feb. 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Sturgis Wesleyan Church, 907 N. Nottawa, Sturgis, Appt. only: (800) 382-6382
Tues., Feb. 13	Noon-5:45 pm	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., 1365 S. Washington St., Constantine
Wed., Feb. 14	10:00 am-3:45 pm	Glen Oaks Community College, 62249 Shimmel Rd., Centreville
Wed., Feb. 14	7:30 am-1:15 pm	Sturgis High School, 216 Vinewood, Sturgis
Thurs., Feb. 15	10:00 am-3:45 pm	Abbott Labs, 901 N. Centreville Rd., Sturgis (closed to public)
Wed., Feb. 28	11:30-5:15 pm	JoCo Center, 805 Wood St., Three Rivers
Mon., Mar. 12	8:00 am-1:45 pm	White Pigeon High School, 410 E. Prairie, White Pigeon
Wed., Mar. 14	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Colon High School, 400 Dallas, Colon
Wed., Mar. 28	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Burr Oak High School, 326 E Eagle Rd., Burr Oak
Thurs., Mar. 29	10:00 am-3:45 pm	Thurston Woods Village, 307 N. Franks Ave., Sturgis

See pages 6 & 7 for the blood drive lists for Kalamazoo, Allegan and Cass Counties.

CSTalk

by *Doug Thompson, Director of Community Services & Training*

Behind-the-Scenes Heroes!

It's been a couple years since I recognized the "pitch in" workers who show up and complete tasks they've accepted without fanfare and without the need for extra prompting. As usual, I'm sure I'll forget someone but some who come to mind are:

Bill Haak - who continues to accomplish the coordination role for our Disaster Plan.

Francine Kryger - who works on disaster expenses and making sure vendors are paid.

Bowen Howard - who also audits disaster expenses to be sure they are accurate.

Barb Patterson - assists in keeping many of our customer surveys up to date.

Bev Holland - volunteer caseworker extraordinaire as well assisting **Penny Thompson** with the Consumers Energy disaster preparation program for people on electrically dependent medical equipment.

Eric Johnson - who keeps vendor data current as well as keeping an eye on our Emergency Response Vehicle

Multi-Tasking Tim

We have had the privilege over the past couple years to have WMU student **Tim Bougie** on our staff assisting us with MANY projects and special tasks in varied grant-funded positions. Tim began working with us in a Michigan "Proud to Be American" license plate funded grant to increase our presence in schools utilizing our Masters of Disaster and Exploring Humanitarian Law curricula. We (he) have been so successful that, a year ago, we received an extension of the grant to continue the work. During that period we have been involved in many other special projects, such as last year's Give Hope Now, Give Hope Again and Louisiana Mass Care Projects. We asked Tim to suspend what he was doing to work on these more urgent tasks. Without exception Tim's response has been not only positive and excited, but exceedingly productive and successful. He will be completing his last semester at WMU this winter carrying more than a full load of classes, so we expect there will be little time for a part-time job with us. Just don't forget us, Tim!!

Tracing Services

In my mailbox today were documents from the Red Cross Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center in Baltimore, regarding an inquiry. I was deeply moved by the very fact that the need for such services continues and the scope of lives still in tragedy 60 years after the end of World War II. The three-sentence response from our colleagues in the Polish Red Cross simply listed the prisoner numbers and concentration camps in which this individual was incarcerated and stated further research is ongoing.



One of the local services that your financial gifts to the Chapter support is disaster relief to families who have suffered a home fire. The summary chart below shows the Chapter's level of direct disaster relief in the past fiscal year (7/1/05 – 6/30/06) to the local communities we serve. This is just a sample of the kind of help we're providing every day in the community, not to mention other critical services including blood collection, life-saving training (CPR, First Aid, water safety and babysitting), Armed Forces Emergency Services, and more.

The Red Cross mission endures because it taps into something deep in the heart of Americans – the shared desire to reach out and help neighbors in need. People today and the generous donors of the past have sustained the life-saving services of the Red Cross for 125 years.

You can ensure Red Cross assistance is always there for others in the months and years ahead. Please use the enclosed envelope in this newsletter to make a generous contribution today and know that you've helped others!

<u>County</u>	<u>People affected</u>	<u>Relief provided</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>People affected</u>	<u>Relief provided</u>
KALAMAZOO COUNTY			ALLEGAN COUNTY		
TOTAL	172	\$29,050	TOTAL	83	\$19,374
CASS COUNTY			ST. JOSEPH COUNTY		
TOTAL	33	\$4,849	TOTAL	69	\$11,739

Kalamazoo County – January 2007

Tues, Jan. 2	Noon-5:45 pm	Bronson's Gilmore Ctr. for Health Ed., Health Care Plaza
Tues., Jan.2	Noon-5:45 pm	Kalamazoo Missionary Church, 5045 E. Michigan, Comstock
Wed., Jan. 3	1:30-7:15 pm	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 120 Roberson Street (at North Burdick)
Thurs., Jan. 4	Noon-5:45 pm	Kellogg Biological Station, 3700 East Gull Lake Dr.
Thurs., Jan. 4	10:15 am-4:00 pm	AT&T, 133 W. Lovell St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Fri., Jan. 5	Noon-5:45 pm	"O" Drive @ ARC Chapter, 5640 Venture Ct. Appt only: 353-6180
Fri., Jan. 5	9:00 am-2:45 pm	State Farm Insurance, 5564 Portage Rd. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Sat., Jan. 6	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1112 Drake Rd.
Mon., Jan. 8	Noon-5:45 pm	Parkview Hills Clubhouse, 3707 Greenleaf Circle
Mon., Jan. 8	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Outreach Center, 7130 S. Westnedge Ave.
Mon., Jan. 8	6:15 am-6:00 pm	U.S. Post Office, 9th St, Oshtemo <i>(closed to public)</i>
Tues., Jan. 9	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage First United Methodist Church, 8740 S. Westnedge Ave.
Tues., Jan. 9	1:00-6:45 pm	Berean Baptist Church, 7813 S. 12th Street, Portage
Wed., Jan. 10	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Consumers Energy, 2500 E. Cork St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Thurs., Jan. 11	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. Appt only: 353-6180
Mon., Jan. 15	Noon-5:45	Borgess Health and Fitness Center, 3025 Gull Rd.
Mon., Jan. 15	10:15 am-4:00 pm	Flowserve, 2100 Factory <i>(closed to public)</i>
Tues., Jan. 16	1:00-6:45 pm	St. Catherine of Siena, 1150 West Centre St.
Thurs., Jan. 18	1:00-6:45 pm	St. Ambrose Church, 1628 East G Ave.
Fri., Jan. 19	Noon-5:45 pm	St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 5845 East W Ave., Vicksburg
Sat., Jan. 20	10 am-3:45 pm	Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 7028 Oakland Dr.
Tues., Jan. 23	11:00 am-4:45 pm	WMU Bernhard Center. WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge starts!
Tues., Jan. 23	Noon-5:45 pm	Kalamazoo Community Church, 2435 North 26th St.
Wed., Jan. 24		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
Thurs., Jan. 25	1:00-6:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. Appts only: 353-6180
Thurs., Jan. 25		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
Fri., Jan. 26	Noon-5:45 pm	Haven Reformed Church, 5350 Sprinkle Rd., Parchment
Fri., Jan. 26		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
Fri., Jan. 26	8:00 am-1:45 pm	Portage Fire/Police Dept., 7830 Shaver Rd. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Mon., Jan. 29	Noon-5:45 pm	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 504 S. Westnedge Ave.
Mon., Jan. 29	Noon-5:45 pm	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 929 East Centre St.
Mon., Jan. 29		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
Mon., Jan. 29	10:15 am-4:00 pm	Kalamazoo Area Realtors, 5830 Venture Park <i>(closed to public)</i>
Mon., Jan. 29	10:00 am-3:45 pm	Manatron, 510 E. Milham Rd., Portage <i>(closed to public)</i>
Tues., Jan. 30		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
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Wed., Jan. 31	10:15 am-4:00 pm	Kalsec Inc., 3713 W. Main St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Wed., Jan. 31		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge

Kalamazoo County – February 2007

Thurs., Feb. 1	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC 'O' drive @Chapter, 5640 Venture Ct. Appt only: 353-6180
Thurs., Feb. 1		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge
Fri., Feb.2		WMU -- WMU vs. CMU Blood Challenge ENDS
Fri., Feb. 2	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health and Fitness Center, 3025 Gull Rd. Appt only: 552-2200
Mon., Feb. 5	Noon-5:45 pm	Bronson's Gilmore Center for Health Ed., Health Care Plaza Appt only: 353-6180
Mon., Feb. 5	10:15 am-4:00 pm	Parker-Hydraulic Systems, 2220 Palmer <i>(closed to public)</i>
Tues., Feb. 6	9:00 am-2:45 pm	MI Department of Transportation, 1501 E. Kilgore <i>(closed to public)</i>
Wed., Feb. 7	8:00 am-1:45 pm	Vicksburg High School, 501 E. Highway, Vicksburg
Thurs., Feb.8	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. Appt only: 353-6180
Thurs., Feb. 8	9:00 am-2:45 pm	Arvco Container Corporation, 345 Gibson St.
Fri., Feb. 9	Noon-5:45 pm	St. Ann Catholic Church, 12648 E. D Ave., Augusta
Mon., Feb. 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Outreach Ctr., 7130 S. Westnedge Ave.
Tues., Feb. 13	11:00 am-4:45 pm	Stryker (Medical) Corporation, 6300 Sprinkle Rd. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Fri., Feb. 16	11:00 am-4:45 pm	Graphic Packaging, 1500 N. Pitcher St. <i>(closed to public)</i>
Mon., Feb. 19	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health Alliance 1701 Gull Rd., Lawrence Education Center

Blood Drive Schedule For January February March 2007

Schedule
subject
to change.

Please call
(269) 353-6180 or
(800) 382-6382,
or visit our
web site to
confirm dates,
times & locations.

Web site:
www.
greaterkzoo
redcross.org

Mon., Feb. 19 Noon-5:45 pm Charles Drew Memorial Blood Drive, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, Lincoln International Studies School, 912 N. Burdick
 Tues., Feb. 20 9:00 am-2:45 pm Pfizer Corp/Bldg 41 (main plant), 7000 Portage Rd. *(closed to public)*
 Wed., Feb. 21 10:00 am-3:45 pm Pfizer Corp/Bldg 41 (main plant), 7000 Portage Rd. *(closed to public)*
 Thurs., Feb. 22 6:15 am-Noon Pfizer Corp/Bldg 41 (main plant), 7000 Portage Rd. *(closed to public)*
 Thurs., Feb. 22 1:00-6:45 pm ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. **Appt only: 353-6180**
 Mon., Feb. 26 Noon-5:45 pm Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd. Monthly Drive!

Kalamazoo County – March 2007

Fri., Mar. 2 12:30-6:15 pm Oshtemo Township Hall, 7275 West Main St.
 Mon., Mar. 6 Noon-5:45 pm Bronson's Gilmore Center for Health Ed., Health Care Plaza
 Tues., Mar. 7 8:00 am-1:45 pm Hackett Catholic Central High School, 1000 W. Kilgore Rd.
 Wed., Mar. 7 10:15 am-3:45 pm Air Zoo, 6155 Portage Rd.
 Thurs., Mar. 8 Noon-5:45 pm ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. **Appt. only: 353-6180**
 Fri., Mar. 9 Noon-5:45 pm Kellogg Biological Station, 3700 E. Gull Lake Dr., Hickory Corners Education Ctr. Rm.201 Academic Bldg.
 Mon., Mar. 12 Noon-5:45 pm Portage Community Outreach Center, 7130 S. Westnedge Ave.
 Mon., Mar. 12 Noon-5:45 pm Parkview Hills Clubhouse, 3707 Greenleaf Circle
 Tues., Mar. 13 1:00-6:45 pm Portage Portage Free Methodist Church, 1715 W. Centre Ave.
 Wed., Mar. 14 8:00 am-1:45 pm Eaton Corp., 40th St. (Climax exit at I-94). *(closed to public)*
 Thurs., Mar. 15 1:00-6:45 pm Prairie Baptist Church, 11210 East PQ Ave., Scotts
 Mon., Mar. 19 Noon-5:45 pm Borgess Health Alliance in the Lawrence Education Center
 Tues., Mar. 20 8:00 am-1:45 pm Parchment High School, 1916 E. G Ave.
 Thurs., Mar. 22 1:00-6:45 pm ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. **Appt. only: 353-6180**
 Mon., Mar. 26 Noon-5:45 pm Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd.
 Mon., Mar. 26 9:00 am-2:45 pm Dana Corporation, 6938 Elm Valley Rd., *(closed to public)*
 Tues., Mar. 27 WMU
 Tues., Mar. 27 Noon-5:45 pm Faith Church, 7200 Angling Rd., Portage
 Fri., Mar. 29 10:00 am-3:45 pm Kalamazoo Psych. Hospital, 1312 Oakland Dr., Admin. Bldg.

Allegan County – January-February-March 2007

Tues., Jan 2 Time TBA Wayland Community – site to be announced
 Thurs., Jan 4 Noon-5:45 pm Griswold Auditorium, Hubbard St., Allegan
 Tues., Jan 16 Noon-5:45 pm Plainwell PIPP Hospital, 411 Naomi, Plainwell
 Tues., Jan 16 1:00-6:45 pm Martin Lions Club, 969 E Allegan St., Martin
 Tues., Jan 23 Noon-5:45 pm Otsego Church of God, Kalamazoo Ave. & M-89, Otsego
 Tues., Jan 25 Noon-5:45 pm Plainwell Community Center, 798 E Bridge, Plainwell
 Thurs., Feb 1 Noon-5:45 pm Hamilton Reformed Church, 3554 M-40, Hamilton
 Fri., Feb 2 Noon-5:45 pm Saugatuck High School, 401 Elizabeth, Saugatuck
 Fri., Feb 2 Noon-5:45 pm Open Door Reformed Church, 1683 142nd, Dorr
 Mon., Feb 5 8:00 am-1:45 pm Allegan High School, 1560 M-40, Allegan
 Fri., Feb 23 8:00 am-12:45 pm Wayland High School, 870 E Superior, Wayland
 Tues., Feb 27 Noon-5:45 pm Wayland Community – site to be announced
 Wed., Feb 28 11:00 am-4:45 pm Moline ABC Auto Auction, 4758 Division, Moline
 Thurs., Mar. 1 Noon-5:45 pm Griswold Auditorium, Hubbard St., Allegan
 Fri., Mar. 2 9:00 am-2:45 pm Martin High School, 1556 Chalmers, Martin
 Tues., Mar. 13 1:00-6:45 pm Martin Lions Club, 969 E Allegan, Martin
 Tues., Mar. 20 Noon-5:45 pm Otsego Church of God, M-89 & Kalamazoo Ave., Otsego
 Thurs., Mar. 22 Noon-5:45 pm Plainwell Community Center, 798 E Bridge, Plainwell
 Fri., Mar. 23 11:30 am-5:15 pm Allegan General Hospital, 555 Linn, Allegan
 Tues., Mar. 27 8:00 am-1:45 pm Plainwell High School, 684 Starr Rd., Plainwell
 Tues., Mar. 27 8:00 am-1:45 pm Otsego High School, 540 Washington, Otsego
 Thurs., Mar. 29 Noon-5:45 pm Hamilton Reformed Church, 3554 M-40, Hamilton
 Fri., Mar. 30 Noon-5:45 pm Open Door Reformed Church, 1683 142nd Ave, Dorr

Cass County Jan.-Feb.-Mar. 07

Mon., Jan. 22 1:00-6:45 pm American Legion, US-12, Edwardsburg. Sponsored by Edwardsburg Lioness Club
 Tues., Jan. 23 1:00-6:45 pm St. Ann Catholic Church, 421 N. Broadway St., Cassopolis
 Tues., Feb. 9 8:30 am-2:15 pm Edwardsburg High School, 69410 Section St., Edwardsburg
 Fri., Feb. 23 Noon-5:45 pm Lion's Club, 28606 Blue Bird, Dowagiac. Sponsored by Civitans
 Wed., Mar. 7 10:00 am-3:45 pm Ross Beatty High School, 22721 Diamond Cove Rd., Cassopolis
 Tues., Mar. 20 8:00 am-1:45 pm Union High School, 701 W. Prairie Ronde, Dowagiac *(closed to public)*
 Fri., Mar. 23 Noon-5:45 pm Marcellus High School, Arbor St., Marcellus
 Mon., Mar. 26 1:00-6:45 pm Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, 24832 US 12, Edwardsburg
 Tues., Mar. 27 1:00-6:45 pm St. Ann Catholic Church, 421 N. Broadway St., Cassopolis

Please see page 4 for the list of St. Joseph County blood drives.

Chapter Telephone List

Updated 12/1/06

To help reduce our expenses for an outside, after-hours answering service and to take advantage of the full capabilities of our phone system, the Chapter relies on the system to route callers to the appropriate staff member without going through our front desk receptionists.

But, you need to know who you're calling and his/her extension to reach them quickly.

So, here is the current staff roster, divided by department. Whenever possible, please use the extension to connect directly with the staff member you're trying to reach. **You can dial the person's extension as soon as your call is "answered" by the phone system.**

If you're not sure which staff member you need to speak with, dial ext. 0 to reach the receptionist.

Administration

Marilyn Vineyard	Executive Director	Ext. 123
Vicki Nower	Executive Assistant/HR	Ext. 124
CJ Schmiede	Receptionist	Ext. 0
Lenora Webster	Receptionist	Ext. 0
Nancy Wilson	Special Projects	N/A

Communications & Community Relations

Terri Franklin	Director	Ext. 121
<i>Terri is on extended medical leave & working mostly from home. You may call her in Vicksburg, (269) 649-0322</i>		
Jean Peterson	Volunteers & Events Coord.	Ext. 115
Karen Ford	Blood Services Coordinator	Ext. 131
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Paul Bostic	Health & Safety Coordinator	Ext. 114
Erin Tarnutzer	Operations/Training Coord.	Ext. 113
Claire Torp	Health & Safety Authorized Provider Coordinator	Ext. 163
<i>Also call Claire in the Allegan Office: (269) 673-8640</i>		
Kristen Schwannecke	Maintenance/Building Security	Ext. 150
Health & Safety Message Line – register for classes, ask questions, etc. Ext. 277		
Disaster Services Message Line – report DAT availability, ask questions, etc. Ext. 278		

Finance, Facilities & Technology

Dan Crouch	Director	Ext. 125
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Fund Development

Sean McCann	Director	Ext. 122
Rose Quoss	Administrative Assistant	Ext. 165

Chapter Solutions Manager (A Service Area position)

John Sanford	Chapter Solutions Mgr.	Ext. 109
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All-House Ring: Ext. 503. Using this extension causes all the phones in the Chapter to ring. Please use it ONLY when you know someone is in the Chapter building to pick up the call. Do NOT leave a message at extension 503.

Great Lakes Blood Region Employees

These persons are employees of the Great Lakes Blood Services Region, not the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter. Their office hours may not coincide with regular Chapter office hours.

Ron Dennison	Senior Blood Donor Recruitment Rep	Ext. 178
Jane Emanuel	Blood Donor Recruitment Rep	Ext. 176
Shelley Fleming	Staffing Coordinator	Ext. 162
TBA	Blood Donor Recruitment Rep	Ext. 166
Cheryl Hiatt	Blood Collection Staff Supervisor for SW Mich.	Ext. 130

General Chapter Contact Information

Phone: **(269) 353-6180**

Toll Free: **(800) 382-6382** (available in 269 area code only)

Hours: M, T, W, F -- 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Thurs. -- 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

When calling after-hours, please follow the instructions you'll hear for emergency or non-emergency calls. You can leave a message for a staff member at any time by using his/her office extension.

On-call personnel handle after-hours emergency and military calls. The phone system records the caller's message then sends an alert to the on-call worker that a message is waiting. Emergency and military calls are usually returned within 30 minutes and Disaster Action Team members are alerted as needed.

Fax: **(269) 353-8657**

Allegan office: (269) 673-8640 [staffed part-time]

Cassopolis office: (800) 382-6382 [office is unstaffed]

Centreville office: (800) 382-6382 [office is unstaffed]

Internet: **www.greaterkzooredcross.org**

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Email: **mail@greaterkzooredcross.org**

To email any Chapter staff members, simply use:

their last name@greaterkzooredcross.org

For example, to email Terri Franklin, email:

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Help make your home, your workplace and your community a safer place for everyone!

Take CPR, First Aid or other Red Cross Safety Courses! How about Babysitter's Training for youth ages 11 - 15? Call us at (269) 353-6180, ext. 277, or visit our web site at www.greaterkzooedcross.org for more information or to register. Courses taught at the Chapter Office, 5640 Venture Court, Kalamazoo, MI, unless otherwise indicated.

January-February-March 2007 Health & Safety Classes schedule

First Aid/Adult CPR/AED Courses - \$40

Sat. January 13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sat. February 10 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sat. March 10 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

First Aid/Adult-Infant-Child CPR/AED - \$50

Sat. January 6 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Tues. January 13 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. January 20 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Tues. January 23 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. February 3 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. February 10 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. February 17 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Tues. February 27 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. March 3 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. March 10 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Tues. March 20 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. March 24 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Adult CPR/AED - \$30

Thurs. January 4 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. January 10 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. January 22 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Thurs. February 1 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. February 7 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. February 19 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Thurs. March 1 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. March 7 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. March 19 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Babysitter's Training - \$35

Sat. January 13 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Sat. February 10 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
 Sat. March 10 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

First Aid Courses - \$30

Mon. January 8 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. January 24 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. February 12 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. February 28 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. March 12 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Wed. March 28 6:00 - 10:00 pm



Infant/Child CPR - \$30

Thurs. January 18 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. February 5 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Thurs. February 22 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Mon. March 5 6:00 - 10:00 pm
 Thurs. March 22 6:00 - 10:00 pm

CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers Courses - \$40

Sat. January 6 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. January 20 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. February 3 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. February 17 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. March 3 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
 Sat. March 24 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

You may now register for our classes on line!

Go to www.greaterkzooedcross.org and click on the Health & Safety Services button on the home page to get to class registration. Payment is required to confirm your class registration. If you cannot register on-line call us at (269) 353-6180, ext. 277; or toll-free at (800) 382-6382, ext. 277.

All courses require pre-registration with payment. No walk-ins allowed. **If you need training but cannot afford the course fees, call us! Need-based scholarships are available.** Call (269) 353-6180, ext. 277, or visit www.greaterkzooedcross.org.

Health & Safety Classes Available in Allegan County!

The Allegan County Service Center of the American Red Cross offers First Aid, CPR and Babysitter Training Courses. Call the Service Center at (269) 673-8640 or (800) 382-6382 to register. The courses listed below are taught in Allegan.

Tues., Jan. 16	6:00 - 10:00 PM	Adult CPR/AED	\$30	Thurs., Mar. 15	6:00 - 10:00 PM	Adult CPR/AED	\$30
Tues., Jan. 23	6:00 - 10:00 PM	First Aid	\$30	Tues., Mar. 20	6:00 - 10:00 PM	First Aid	\$30
Wed., Jan. 31	6:00 - 9:00 PM	Infant/Child CPR	\$30	Tues., Mar. 27	6:00 - 10:00 PM	Infant/Child CPR	\$30

Sat., Feb 24 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Adult-Infant-Child CPR/AED \$40

Register for more than one class and get a discount on class fees for the 2nd and 3rd classes! Call the Allegan Service Center at (269) 673-8640 and ask about the multiple class discount.

Babysitter's Training: Saturdays, February 3 & February 10
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Attendance at both sessions is required \$30

Help Wanted!

The Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter is seeking adult volunteers to serve as Volunteer Blood Drive Coordinators for high school blood drives. These jobs are ideal for persons who enjoy working with young people, ages 14 -18. You can help these youth develop their leadership and organizational skills while helping to ensure that your community has an adequate supply of blood to meet the needs of ill and injured persons.

Successful high school blood drives are crucial to maintaining an adequate blood supply throughout our region, and help young people develop the habit of regular blood donation.

Please see the job description, below, for more information. Contact Karen Ford at (269) 353-6180, ext. 131, or email ford@greaterkzooedcross.org to get started!

Location	Various high schools in the Chapter's service area – usually focused in a single county
Position Title	Volunteer Blood Drive Coordinator – High School Drives (Positions in the four counties may have some variations in the duties defined here)
Purpose	This position is responsible for assuring that scheduled blood drives have the required canteen and donor enhancement materials and volunteers needed as defined in the chapter's partnership agreement with the Great Lakes Regional Blood Services
Key Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assure canteen supplies are available and set up at blood drives where necessary (chapter provides the materials needed) • Provide materials at blood drives that enhance the donor's experience – e.g., reading material, gallon pins, check -in numbers, etc. • Greet each shift of high school volunteers and provide orientation and job descriptions. • Assist the Great Lakes Regional Blood Services staff in assuring the blood drive setup is smooth and help address minor problems
Relationships	Other volunteers, Red Cross employees in chapter and blood region (Lansing), especially the assigned blood donor recruiters and blood donors at various high school sites.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 18 years old • Experience working with youth preferred, but not mandatory • Enjoys working with teens and young adults • Have independent transportation available for drives in your area. Some drives involve use of chapter vehicle in which case volunteer must meet requirements for drivers of chapter vehicles. (e.g., driver's license & background checks, current First Aid certification – chapter provides training) • Have good physical health and hearing; able to lift & carry up to 20 lbs. • Ability & commitment to maintain confidentiality of donor information • Friendliness, flexibility & sense of humor helpful – among other duties you are a goodwill ambassador & important to the image of the American Red Cross!
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation to American Red Cross • Orientation to Blood Services and hands -on observation • Other training opportunities may be available depending upon volunteer's interest
Reports to	Karen Ford (Kalamazoo, Cass & St Joseph County); Claire Torp (Allegan County)
Length of Appointment	Minimum six months commitment preferred. Renewable as long as volunteer's interest and ability to do the job continue.
Time Commitment	Average of 8 hours per drive, and covering 1 or two drives a month depending on schedule. & volunteer's flexibility/interest. Hours usually start very early.
Development Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfaction of knowing you are filling a vital link in the health care system. • Meet a variety of people – in your own community/neighborhood • May advance into leadership role in this or other positions

Hurricanes of 2005 – 14 Months Later

By Joe Gagie, Chapter Board Member

Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma produced an unprecedented emergency that brought severe suffering to an area larger than North and South Carolina combined. They created basic human needs that were 10 to 20 times greater than any domestic disaster in the 125-year history of the American Red Cross.

Generous Red Cross donors and volunteers made a big difference in providing for both emergency and long-term needs of children, individuals, parents and grandparents.

Our response was record-setting too. Here are just some of the highlights of the Red Cross response:

- More than 244,000 people assisted with the relief effort – 95 percent were volunteers from 47 states, three territories and the District of Columbia;
- 1,400 shelters provided 3.8 million overnight stays;
- More than 68 million meals and snacks were served; and
- 1.4 million families, or approximately 4 million people, were helped.

On the fifth day of the Hurricane Katrina response, the American Red Cross served 995,000 hot meals – more than five times the number of meals ever before served on a single day of disaster response.

The needs are still overwhelming. Eight months after the storms, more than 750,000 evacuees were still living away from their homes – scattered throughout all 50 states. The Red Cross continues to embrace the Gulf Coast region, providing both physical and emotional support to many victims.

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Red Cross and seven other organizations changed their working relationships by forming the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) as a common data-sharing system. This consortium oversees 3,000 professional staff and volunteers with the capacity to provide comprehensive case management for up to 100,000 families in an emergency.

The Hurricane Recovery Program (HRP) is the next step in the Red Cross response effort. It focuses on recovery, emotional support, recovery resources and emergency needs.

Copies of *A Year of Healing*, a detailed report on the American Red Cross response to the gigantic hurricane disaster of 2005, are available upon request through the Chapter. Call (269) 353-6180, ext. 122, or email mccann@greaterkzooredcross.org to request your copy.

The following persons have made financial gifts to the Chapter in memory of or in honor of someone special from August 24 - November 30, 2006

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DON'T MISS IMPORTANT INFORMATION! This Red Cross Newsletter contains:

* The First Aid, CPR, Babysitting and Disaster Training Classes Schedules for Jan.-Feb.-Mar. 2007.

* The Blood Drive Schedules for Kalamazoo, Allegan, Cass & St. Joseph Counties.

You also can find those schedules on-line at www.greaterkzooredcross.org

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