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Support the Red Cross and Change a Life

KALAMAZOO, MI, May 8, 2009 – It's time once again to celebrate the successes of the past year and honor the heroes in our community who have changed lives.

Now in its second year, the **Change a Life Breakfast**, is set for **Tuesday, May 12, from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel**. The breakfast will feature a review of the year in pictures, a vision for the future of the local Red Cross chapter by its C.E.O., Cathy McNulty, and testimonials from Red Cross clients.

The Breakfast is a key fund-raising event for the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves the people of Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Counties. Of special significance this year; The Grainger Foundation, based upon the recommendation of the local Grainger Branch Manager, **Carol Hurley**, will donate **\$5,000** to the **Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross**, in a check presentation ceremony during the breakfast.

"Grainger, much like the American Red Cross, is passionate about being ready for our local communities in times of need," said Carol Hurley, Branch Manager of Grainger's Kalamazoo facility. "Our local team wanted to make an impact in this area and we thought supporting the Red Cross to train volunteers was the best way to do that."

"Grainger has been a dedicated supporter of the American Red Cross, and we are so fortunate to have to have the help and commitment of Carol Hurley, who champions the shared core values of Grainger and the Red Cross at the local level" said Ted Hartridge Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter Board Chair.

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About the American Red Cross: The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization – not a government agency- and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information on the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, please visit www.greaterkzooredcross.org.

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