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50 Years of Volunteer Service to the American Red Cross

KALAMAZOO, MI, Aug. 5, 2009 – The Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is celebrating the achievement of one of its volunteers in a presentation and reception on Thursday, August 6 at the Chapter facility. Mary Ellen Fredenburg will be presented with a 50 year service pin at the event which begins at 10:00 a.m.

Mary Ellen began her service to the Red Cross in 1943 as member of the Junior Red Cross Club of Eaton Rapids, MI. In 1973 Mary Ellen joined the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the Red Cross as a Red Cross Nurse, but soon added Disaster Services to her resume. An active member of the First United Methodist Church, Kalamazoo City and County advisory groups, Boy Scouts of America, PTA/PTSA, Bronson Methodist Hospital Auxiliary Nurses Guild, League of Women Voters, and the Voluntary Action Center – Mary Ellen demonstrated her belief in the value of volunteer service.

The Greater Kalamazoo Chapter is particularly proud of the long-time dedication and loyalty of its volunteers. **Mary Ellen joins 5 other 50 year volunteers the chapter has recognized since 2002!**

About the 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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