

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION 2008

Bob Capp has received the **Leadership Volunteer of the Year** award for excellence in service to the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. This honor is presented to a volunteer involved in direct service to clients or customers, who excels in service to the American Red Cross, is active in more than one program or support area, conveys enthusiasm, commitment to the principles of the Red Cross; high ethical standards, dedication, innovation, and who assumes responsibility and has made significant contributions of service to those we serve. Bob has been a volunteer since 1998 serving several terms on the Board of Directors, notably as Chapter Chair 2003-2005. During that time he displayed extraordinary dedication to the chapter, serving on the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Military, International and Social Services Committee, and Fund Development Committee. Capp, a Three Rivers resident, currently serves as a Lead on the St. Joseph County Disaster Action Team, on the Disaster Committee, on the Finance Committee and on the Volunteer Services Committee. Bob is described by his colleagues as steady, kind and thoughtful, an efficient and hard worker who always gets the job done.

Bob Perkins has received the **Volunteer of the Year** award for excellence in service to the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. This honor is presented to a volunteer who exemplifies initiative, commitment and leadership. Bob has been a volunteer since 1999 serving several terms on the Board of Directors. During this time he has also displayed extraordinary dedication to not only the chapter, but a four State service area as well. Bob is described by his colleagues as an incredibly hard worker who is dedicated to getting the job done. His involvements and activities are too numerous to detail. Perkins, a Portage resident, currently serves as Chair of the Fund Development and Communications Committee, and as a valued member of the "Your American Red Cross Today" outreach team. He displays consistent enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication in his work, and he is deserving of the term Volunteer of the Year.

Phillip Buist has received the **Rookie of the Year** award for excellence in service to the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. This honor is presented to a new volunteer who exemplifies initiative, commitment and leadership. Phil began volunteering with Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter in the fall of 2006. Since that time Phil has demonstrated multiple talents and skills becoming a valuable asset to the Health & Safety Service department. Phil completed 16 hours of computer training to learn the data entry requirements of the Learning Management System and has taken reliable ownership of his duties. Along with his diligent work, Phil enhances our chapter with his charming personality and dedication

The Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross awarded 2008 Otsego High School graduate, **Brittany Bentley** with its **Mable Chase Scholarship**. Brittany completed her studies at Otsego High School with a perfect 4.0 GPA; an outstanding academic achievement. Brittany has proven leadership skills and has been active in various community organiza-

tions and events throughout her high school years. In addition to her educational and extracurricular accomplishments, Brittany has been an avid Red Cross supporter by volunteering at high school blood drives.

Mable Chase was a Red Cross volunteer in the 1950's. When her son Alfred died in the early 1990's he left a bequest to the chapter, a part of which he requested be designated to honor his mother, the importance of volunteerism and the value she got from her volunteer work with the Red Cross. Our chapter's volunteer management office developed the criteria for a Youth Academic Scholarship as a result of the stipulations of this bequest. This year 20 applications were received for this scholarship from students attending 15 different high schools in our four county area – likely the largest response ever received.

Each year we ask employees and volunteers of there are organizations/groups whose contributions/support over the last year or last several years warrant special recognition. The presentation is a token of our appreciation for that support and interest. This year our **Community Recognition** goes to **Jayne Fraley-Burgett/Gabel Natatorium WMU**. Jayne was integral to our first ever Family Safety Day and exemplifies the long standing-close working relationship with certified instructors the Red Cross values so highly.

Certificates of Appreciation are awarded to volunteers whose work of the past year stands out above the norm. Volunteers may receive these awards once every five years.

**Frank Blaise
Al Dixon
Carrol Targgart**

**Bill & Lucille Boyer
Janey Lutzka
Katie Lynn Torp**

Special Recognition-Office of Volunteers

**Pat Benson
Barbara Ettwein
Francine Kryger**

**Beverly Byle
Tom Keizer
Martha Leak**

The loyalty, perseverance, cheerfulness and dependability of this great group kept the Office of Volunteers running after the unexpected passing of Jean Peterson, longtime Coordinator of Volunteers. They had a system in place and quietly and efficiently went about their individual work and did an excellent job!

Honorary Life Members are volunteers whose sustained contributions over several years have proven to be exceptional and exemplary, standing out above their colleagues. Must be at least 60 years old.

**Richard Becker
Bruce Kocher
Sally & Tim Putney**

**Gordon & Shirley Chisholm
Judith Laverack**