

# Volunteer Services

## Helping a Friend in Need

Volunteers are the heart of the American Red Cross! The Greater Ozarks Chapter currently has about 660 volunteers that enjoy the rewards of helping others. Volunteers are recruited through a number of ways -including our website with a direct link to VolunteerMatch. They are also recruited through newspaper articles, interviews with the media, press releases and fair exhibits. Volunteer opportunities are available as disaster relief caseworkers, instructors in health and safety, HIV/AIDS instructors, armed forces emergency service caseworkers, leadership (board members) and fund raising events.



# Financial Statement

## Where Your Money Goes

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2007		Revenues, Gains, and Other Support
<b>ASSETS</b>		Contributions 1,101,863
Cash	134,887	Training Services & Product Sales 256,887
Investments	1,199,068	Legacies and Bequests 87,956
Receivables	366,131	Grants and Other Revenue 59,040
Prepayments and Other Assets	25,799	Investment Income 90,944
Net Property	2,608,482	Inter-Red Cross Revenues 192,644
Total Assets	4,334,367	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments 364,974
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		Total Gains & Other Support 2,154,308
Liabilities		<b>EXPENSES</b>
Accounts Payable	95,332	Service to Military Families & Veterans 94,131
Notes Payable	800,000	Disaster Services 830,884
Accrued Liabilities	24,288	Health and Safety Services 354,997
Total Liabilities	919,620	National Assessment 109,055
Net Assets		Total Program Services 1,389,067
Unrestricted	3,181,221	Fundraising 141,583
Temporarily Restricted	232,015	Total Expenses 1,530,650
Permanently Restricted	1,511	
Total Net Assets	3,414,747	Change in Net Assets 623,658
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	4,334,367	Transfer of Assets Another Unit 105,034
		Net Assets at Beginning of Year 2,686,055
		Net Assets at End of Year 3,414,747



Greater Ozarks Chapter  
2007-2008  
Annual Report  
to the  
Community

When you help the  
American Red Cross,  
you help America.

**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.

A complete copy of the audit performed by Elliott, Robinson, & Co., LLP is available to the public. Please call the Chapter office to schedule an appointment.

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## Leading the Chapter Guiding the Way

Debi Meeds  
Executive Director



Everyday here at the Red Cross we work hard to use every resource wisely as we help individuals and families recover from disaster, provide emergency communication services to military personnel and veterans, and teach others how to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. This year we responded to the largest local disaster in the history of our Chapter – The Missouri Ice Storm. Staff, volunteers and our Community Partners worked side by side providing relief and hope in devastating conditions. Thank you for choosing to support us in our mission.



Dwayne Fulk  
Board Chairman

“Expecting the unexpected” is what we do—not only an unprecedented ice storm but also a new fundraising initiative and plan, regional call center, building, and significant additional territories, all in the past year alone. The Chapter has met these challenges and thrived, thanks to the quality and passion of its staff, volunteers, and supporters. It’s an honor to be associated with them.



## Armed Services Keeping Families Connected

Private First Class Melissa Siler, stationed in Ft. Sam Houston, is the sole support for her disabled husband, Gary, and their three children. One of the children, Bradley age 14, has cerebral palsey. The family was living in a home without any utilities connected for a few weeks before they contacted the Red Cross. They were in need of financial assistance to establish electrical and propane service to the home, repair their automobile, and make the bathroom wheelchair accessible for Bradley. With the assistance of the Military Aid Society, the Red Cross was able to help this family meet their needs.



Through their world-wide network of communications, the Red Cross helps keep American families in touch with their military loved ones. They also make it possible for military families and veterans to receive financial assistance. From July 01, 2006 to June 30, 2007, the Greater Ozarks Chapter sent 840 emergency communication messages for military families and provided an additional 152 social services. Briefings were provided to 3,010 service and family members.

“As a mom with a son who is currently serving his third tour in Iraq, I know the pain of separation, the fear of loss, and the comfort to know the Red Cross stands ready to help.”  
Debi Meeds - Executive Director

## Disaster Services Meeting the Needs of our Neighbors

It all happened so quickly for Twylla Farr. Not more than 5 minutes after she left her house to return some videos, her 14 year old son was calling 911 to respond to a fire that started in a fuse box. Twylla remembers the fire trucks passing her while she was out. When she returned, the house was burning. She said “The Red Cross was there in less than 30 minutes, they were there before my mom got there.” The Red Cross provided shelter, food and clothing for Twylla and her 2 children. They also provided emotional support. Nothing was salvaged except the items her son managed to carry out of the house while it was burning.



When disasters occur in our community, the American Red Cross is there to provide help and hope. From July 01, 2006 to June 30, 2007,

the Greater Ozarks Chapter responded to 407 incidents and helped over 1600 people devastated by fires and other disasters. In addition we touched the lives of over 200,000 community members during the ice storm by providing sheltering, feeding and distributing life-sustaining supplies.

Your Greater Ozarks Chapter maintains a Disaster Response Team available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## Health / Safety Services Training the Community to Save Lives



For Bella, age 5, reaching out to help another was something that came naturally. When her 2 year old sister, Claire, ended up under water in a friend’s pool, Bella went under, grabbed her by the arm and pulled her to safety. As the two children held hands and walked towards their mother, Bella said “Claire almost drowned and I pulled her out.” The day before the incident Bella had been in a Red Cross swimming class taught by Nancy Green. The class focused on what to do if someone needed help in the water.

The American Red Cross teaches life-saving skills through a variety of classes including First Aid, CPR (infant, child, adult, and professional rescuer), AED, lifeguard training and babysitter training. Babysitter’s camp was a huge success, training youth, ages 11 through 15. In addition to learning CPR and first aid, they had several guest speakers and participated in easy-to-make crafts.

Health and Safety trained 12,176 individuals in life saving skills and trained an additional 6,138 in disaster preparedness education. Staff and volunteers also distributed more than 18,000 disaster readiness education materials.

This year Wilderness First Aid was introduced for the outdoor enthusiast and Pet First Aid was added to our schedule for pet lovers. Additional classes are listed on [www.redcross-ozarks.org](http://www.redcross-ozarks.org).