



THE BLUEGRASS CHAPTER

Annual Report

2009-2010



The Bluegrass Chapter

The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Red Cross is a non-profit organization chartered in 1917. Led by our volunteers, we serve the community through programs that provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Our chapter assists clients in a local ten county area consisting of Bourbon, Casey, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Harrison, Jessamine, Nicholas, Powell, and Scott Counties. In addition we support and manage eight community chapters and provide services to a total of 55 counties throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

This past fiscal year, our chapter experienced a significant number of disasters in our area. Our volunteers and staff were deployed locally and statewide to major disaster relief operations including the Casey County tornado, Centre Parkway Apartment fire in Lexington, and May flooding in Central and Eastern Kentucky. Forty-two of our Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) volunteers were deployed locally and statewide including 17 volunteers who were deployed two or more times.

We would like to thank those who have charitably given their time and resources to our Chapter. We would also like to thank those who have supported us financially and with in-kind donations. Since we do not receive any government funding for traditional Red Cross programs, your support enables us to continue to provide needed services for the community.

Financial Statement as of June 30, 2010

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Net Assets Beginning of Year (7/1/09)	\$ 4,091,482	\$ 103,769	\$ 6,787,627	\$ 10,982,878
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 5,691,864	\$ 22,929	\$ 115,483	\$ 5,830,276
Total Operating Expenses	\$ (5,397,892)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (5,397,892)
Net Assets End of Year (6/30/10)	\$ 4,385,454	\$ 126,698	\$ 6,903,110	\$ 11,415,262

Our Honored Volunteers

This Year's Volunteer Award Winners

Development Lifesaver: Lorri Morris
 Service to the Armed Forces Lifesaver: Jackie Brown
 International Social Services Lifesaver: Frances Mabika
 Disaster Services Lifesaver: Sandra Hall
 Health and Safety Lifesaver: Matthew Reker
 Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action: Vicki Sageser
 C.E.O. Awards: Doyle Rambo and ACS
 "Dived Right in" Award: Ginny Betlaf
 "Zeigy" Award: Germaine O'Connell



Volunteer of the Year

This award was created to honor a volunteer whose performance over a period of several years has substantially exceeded the volunteer's original commitment to the American Red Cross.

This year's award winner is Terry Bishop. He began volunteering with the Red Cross in 2005 during the Hurricane Katrina response but quickly became an integral part of our chapter. Since 2005, he has logged over 5,300 volunteer hours by his involvement in everything from answering the phones, to responding to after-hours calls for disaster services, to driving the ERV around the country on deployments.

We have 308 volunteers who volunteered over 20,000 hours for our chapter!

Our Services

- Assisted 192 families who lost their homes due to disasters in our ten county area
- Provided over \$262,000 in direct assistance to disaster victims
- Provided free disaster preparedness information and training to over 3,000 individuals
- Provided disaster relief assistance to smaller community chapters that cover 45 additional counties

Disaster Services

The term “disaster services” encompasses many different programs which, depending on the case, might include providing shelter, food, water, clothing, emergency medical care, clean-up kits, bedding, and rental assistance to disaster victims. It also means providing free disaster preparedness training for the community. Additionally, disaster services involves training our volunteers to work with local, state, and national government agencies and to provide a coordinated response in times of disaster. The American Red Cross is the only organization chartered by Congress to provide disaster relief to ALL Americans.

Service to the Armed Forces

Service to the Armed Forces incorporates a variety of different programs aimed at assisting the members of our military and their families here at home in the Bluegrass. The most common service we perform is emergency messaging. This is when our staff sends a verified message to a soldier informing him or her of an emergency situation back at home such as a death or illness. Often the American Red Cross assist soldiers with logistical arrangements to ensure they can return to their families. Service to the Armed Forces might also include assisting families with financial concerns, linking service members and their families with support services, or assisting our veterans with their benefits.

- Had over 600 clients from our Armed Forces covering 30 different military units
- Delivered 471 emergency messages
- Provided three programs for veterans at the local VA Hospital
- Hosted 12 “Get to Know Us Before You Need Us” networking and resource sharing meetings for anyone with a loved one in the Armed Forces

- Offered 27 different courses
- Taught 1,560 CPR and First Aid classes
- Certified 10,131 residents throughout our local communities in life-saving skills
- Provided financial assistance for courses so that no one was turned away

Health and Safety Services

Health and Safety Training are classes taught by the Bluegrass Chapter of the American Red Cross, or one of our authorized providers, to our friends and neighbors here in the Bluegrass. The Bluegrass Chapter teaches these life-saving courses both at our offices or at sites throughout our region. Among the classes we offer are: First Aid; Adult, Infant and Child CPR; Automated External Defibrillation (AED); Life Guarding; CPR/PR for the Professional; Pet First Aid and Babysitting Certification.

Wheels

The Bluegrass Chapter’s Wheels program is designed to meet the needs of local residents with disabilities by providing economical and accessible transportation throughout Fayette County. The Wheels program provides independence to riders by transporting them to work, to doctor’s appointments, on errands, or even out for social occasions. Funding for this program is provided through a contract with LexTran.

- Provided more than 154,850 trips
- Increased trips provided by 9.5%
- Traveled more than 1,000,000 miles
- Operated 363 days last year
- Offered enhanced service with Global Positioning System tracking for greater efficiency

Bluegrass Chapter Employees

Terry Burkhart, *Chief Executive Officer*

Emergency Services

Rick Sheehy, *Chief Operating Officer*

Kerry Graul, *Director of Disaster Services*

Sarah Gribbin, *Disaster Services Coordinator*

Susan Temmermand, *Service to the Armed Forces Coordinator*

Health and Safety Services

Betty Jo Jackson, *Director of Health & Safety Services*

Marsha Corn, *Health & Safety Coordinator*

Betty Jo Jackson, *Administration Coordinator*

Valen Spears, *Aquatics Coordinator*

Accounting Office

Rhonda Snow, *Chief Financial Officer*

Volunteers

Jamie Adams, *Director of Volunteers*

Janice Blackford, *Administrative Assistant*

Wheels Transportation

Ed Brady, *Director of Wheels*

Teresa Goodin, *Operations Manager*

Development

Winn Stephens, *Director of Development*

Laura Atkinson, *Development Coordinator*

Lisa Kidd, *Regional Development Coordinator*

Maintenance Services

Keller Garner, *Maintenance Services*

Our Board Members

Officers

Chairman - Corky Walker

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