



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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While most people were celebrating the arrival of 2009, Greffrey Rice was wondering if he would have shelter in the New Year.

On New Year's Eve, Greffrey abruptly awoke and realized his apartment was on fire. With most of his belongings severely damaged or destroyed, Greffrey was unsure as to where he would find shelter from the bitter cold. At the suggestion of the fire department, Greffrey contacted the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance.

The Bluegrass Area Chapter responds to emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year -- even on holidays. Kerry Graul, Coordinator of [Disaster Services](#), assisted Greffrey during the crucial hours following a disaster. "She was very nice," Greffrey said of Graul. "I know she helped me to the very best of her ability."

The Bluegrass Area Chapter provided Greffrey with food, clothing, and temporary housing at a local hotel. During his stay at the hotel, Greffrey found a new apartment to call home and the Bluegrass Chapter assisted him in paying the first month's rent.

Due to the generosity of our local community, the Bluegrass Area Chapter was able to provide a new beginning for Greffrey in 2009. "Without them, I could be in a very different situation," he said. "I could be out in the cold. But with their help, I was able to get a good start to the New Year."

To learn more about the Bluegrass Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and the many ways you can help our neighbors, please visit our website at www.redcrosslexky.org.
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