



American Red Cross

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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.

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2007-2008 *Report to the Community*



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The Red Cross in Our Community

Disaster Relief and Community Disaster Education

When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross is there. This year we responded to seven local disasters, six residential fires and the Cottonwood bus accident. We helped four affected individuals and families with emergency food, shelter and supplies.

Being prepared can make your family and community safer and sometimes minimize injury and destruction. We held five disaster committee meetings during the past fiscal year.

Health and Safety Services

From first aid, CPR and AED training to swimming and life-guarding, American Red Cross programs help people lead safer and healthier lives. This year, 1009 individuals learned lifesaving skills through classes offered by the chapter and our Authorized Providers. (NOTE: Doesn't include the YMCA or REM training as in previous years nor the Learn to Swim students from June, 2008 as of this date.)

International Services

The international tracing program helps local families find relatives with whom they have lost contact because of a natural disaster, war or internal conflict. This year we weren't needed to help reconnect families with loved ones in foreign lands.

Armed Forces Emergency Services

The American Red Cross provides communication between those in the Armed Forces and their families. We have a worldwide network that reaches service members wherever they are to communicate a birth, death or illness. This year we provided emergency connections for twenty-four military families and financially assisted three veterans with emergency funds.

Blood Services

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Thanks to generous blood donors, the Red Cross collects and distributes nearly half the nation's blood supply. During 2006-2007 we helped run blood drives that collected 2580 units of blood. (NOTE: Numbers aren't available for 2007-2008 as of this date.)

Community Services

A Note About Volunteers

We depend on volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to carry on our work. Volunteers constitute 97 percent of our total workforce, serving as members of the board, instructors teaching lifesaving skills, disaster action team members, office administrators, event organizers and more.

This year, 39 volunteers made the work of the chapter possible, contributing 601 hours, for a contribution estimated at \$6010.00.

Statement of Financial Position For the Year Ending June 30, 2008

ENDING NET ASSETS	\$21,153
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Statement of Activities (as of May 31, 2008)

Revenues

Contributions	\$19,522
Fundraising events	\$ 384
Grants	\$ 2,455
Program materials sold	\$ 5,359
Training Course fees	\$14,742
All other revenues	\$ 4,879
United Way	\$ 9,500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUES AND GAINS	\$56,841

Expenses

Compensation & taxes	\$29,319
Travel	\$ 644
Disaster and other assistance	\$ 4,963
Supplies	\$ 2,349
Program Materials (Classes & resale)	\$ 6,820
Phones, Equipment & Programs	\$ 6,964
Chapter Assessment fee	\$ 3,827
Armed Forces	\$ 600
All other expenses	\$ 686

TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	\$56,172
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NET GAIN OR LOSS	\$ + 668
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