

CLARA BARTON AWARD

The Clara Barton Award recognizes meritorious service in volunteer leadership positions held over a period of years.



The recipient of this award possesses solid thinking skills, a multitude of creative ideas, and a very positive attitude. This individual is a financial contributor to the chapter. He is a willing volunteer, who is of good humor and very dedicated to the mission of the Red Cross. To the recipients's credit:

He is a long time member of the Chapter's Blood Committee and gives valuable input concerning the blood program and chapter functions. He is day captain at many of the chapter blood drives and has been a blood donor since 1952.

Makes the chapter's 911 emergency signs along with his lovely wife Lucille.

Helped the chapter with the big move to our current facility in 2001

Assists with fund raising events and the Food Pantry. In fact he is always willing to help out!

Born and raised in Mt. Pleasant; an active church member; served in the U.S. armed forces; a retired rigger from Dow Chemical.

Has traveled to all 50 states, New Zealand, Australia, Europe, Mexico and the Caribbean.

THANK YOU DONALD COTTER SR.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICES

The American Red Cross helps vulnerable people around the world to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, complex humanitarian emergencies, and life-threatening health conditions.

The American Red Cross accomplishes this goal by working within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – the world's largest humanitarian network with more than 180 Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies and more than 100 million volunteers.

The American Red Cross works to build the local capacities of our partner Red Cross and Red Crescent societies by strengthening their leadership, financial management, volunteer networks, and technical capabilities. We also work with our Movement partners to train and organize volunteers and educate communities to empower them with the skills and knowledge they need to help themselves. To ensure that programs are comprehensive, the American Red Cross establishes partnerships with other public and private organizations whose capabilities strengthen and complement our initiatives.

International Services initiatives focus on:

Primary health care – Our primary health initiatives focus on reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, and combating infectious diseases including the measles initiative.

Emergency response and preparedness – Our emergency response activities focus on relief supply distribution, water and sanitation services, and family linking. We also implement disaster preparedness programs to create more resilient communities with decreased dependence on external relief assistance.

Restoring family links – In collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross and more than 180 national societies, the American Red Cross works to locate loved ones who are missing due to war, natural disaster, or civil unrest and sends Red Cross messages between separated family members.

Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law – The American Red Cross educates the American public about the guiding principles of international humanitarian law, as set forth by the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

For each of these priority areas, we promote cost-effective, community-

based programs, which target large numbers of people with humanitarian aid that is rapid, effective, and large-scale. The American Red Cross is currently working with our partner Red Cross and Red Crescent societies on projects related to health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and disaster preparedness throughout the world.

Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

Humanity • Impartiality • Neutrality • Independence
Voluntary Service • Unity • Universality

VOLUNTEERS

Join the American Red Cross – Have an impact for good on others, on your community, on the world, and ultimately on yourself!

Volunteers are the life-blood of the Red Cross. You assist in the very important work of our chapter and for that we extend our heart-felt thank you for all you do to make the communities in Clare and Isabella counties a better and safer place to live. Volunteers gave 12,467 service hours working in the Food Pantry, serving as disaster responders, retired teacher core for youth, Health & Safety classes, helping as blood volunteers, participating in fund raising events, serving on committees and the board, and other areas of vital assistance to the chapter.

The following groups and individuals were recognized at the May Annual Meeting for their volunteer contributions to the Chapter.

BLOOD DROP AWARD - University Events for the use of University Events locations on the CMU campus to hold life-giving blood drives

VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE- Dixie Neier for always being there when we need her in the blood program and in other areas of the chapter.

MOTHER HUBBARD AWARD – Sacred Heart Parish for their collection of food, and personal and baby items to help keep our pantry shelves stocked.

FOOD PANTRY RELIEF AWARD – Kim Noah for her dedication as a desk worker, coming in to help on her days off, and assistance in picking up food donations from sponsors for the pantry

HEALTH AND SAFETY AWARD – Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center – Robin Grinzinger Instructor in recognition of her commitment to educating the community in lifesavings skills.

FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT – Judy French Smith & Darcie Orlik for their excellent work chairing the Red Cross Fashion Show this year.

SERVICES TO THE ARMED FORCES – Don Cotter Jr. He has been in the Army for 23 years. During his military career, he was stationed in Korea, Panama, and most recently Iraq at which time his wife Trish delivered their twins Michelle and Sean!

100% BOARD GIVING – The Chapter Board is recognized for once again achieving 100% Board Financial Giving to the Chapter.

Recipients of Years of Service Pins
25 Years: Marie K. Green and Robin Stressman
20 Years: Marion Straight and Marilyn Courter
5 Years: Virginia Sheldon and Matt Miller



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MISSION STATEMENT

The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent for, and respond to emergencies.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SANDRA CAUL

This has been a year of challenge, change, and accomplishments for our local chapter of the American Red Cross. The restructuring of Red Cross at both the national and local levels has involved numerous changes that our staff, board, and volunteers have worked diligently to implement and yet not lose sight of our overall mission of providing services to those in need. Our success has been validated by the number of services and programs extended to our local families and friends as well as those who are victims of disaster across the country. Community support, thousands of volunteer hours, a dedicated staff, and committed board members have made our emergency programs available for residents in Isabella and Clare counties.

We received a chapter rating of "Successful" from the American National Red Cross. This rating was based on our performance in key areas and we met all core requirements.

With the reorganization of the Red Cross at the national level our chapter has become a community chapter along with chapters in Saginaw, Mecosta-Osceola, Midland-Gladwin, South Central (Jackson area), and Livingston, under the Regional Chapter of Mid Michigan in the Lansing area. This change will allow cost savings at the cash strapped national level and encourages our new alignment of chapters to function as individual yet complimentary units.

We held our first ever Preparedness Fair with 250 persons in attendance. Several police, fire and rescue organizations participated. Very valuable information was given to attendees on being prepared for times of personal and area disaster. This event is scheduled to be repeated September 13, 2008 at the Sam's Club parking lot in Mount Pleasant.

My sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for caring and for your contributions to Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Swimming – It's never too early to start or too late to learn! The Red Cross' Parent and Child Aquatics program starts at six months of age and continues to five years. This program gives children the opportunity to build confidence in their skills with the reassurance of their parents. Learn-to-Swim classes are for any age and include several stages for all skills levels. In this reporting year 178 persons participated in aquatic classes in our Chapter area.

First Aid and CPR/AED – At least one person in every household and business should be trained and certified in first aid and CPR/AED. On average, it takes emergency personnel 12 minutes to arrive on scene. For someone who is choking or has stopped breathing that may be too late. By learning simple rescue skills, you can go from a helpless bystander to a person with the ability to take control help someone during an emergency. In this reporting period 4170 persons from Isabella County and 533 from Clare County were enrolled in Health and Safety classes. Dog and Cat First Aid course have been up-dated and are also available through your local Red Cross Chapter

"...everyone has the power to save a life."

EMERGENCY PROGRAMS

Emergency Food Pantry: Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross continues to provide emergency food for Isabella County residents. Community support through food drives, private food donations and cash gifts, and United Way and other grantors make this service possible. In this reporting period, 1659 area families received emergency food equivalent to 45,765 meals. The Chapter is always in need of donations of money and food to keep the Food Pantry up and running. (Clare County food needs are served by an agency in Clare County).

Infant Assistance Pantry: Can you imagine listening to your infant or toddler crying because he or she is hungry, and you don't have formula or food for your baby? Not only that, but you don't have the money to buy formula. Your minimum wage job barely covers the rent, and you already visit a food pantry to make ends meet. Every day, families in our Chapter area face this issue. The Infant Assistance Pantry provides basic supplies such as formula, baby food, diapers and other items to the little ones in the Chapter area. This past year the Infant Assistance Pantry helped 401 babies.

Disaster Response: Red Cross disaster relief focuses on meeting people's immediate emergency disaster-caused needs. When a disaster threatens or strikes, the Red Cross provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, and health and mental health services to address basic human needs. In addition to these services, the core of Red Cross disaster relief is the assistance given to individuals and families affected by disaster to enable them to resume their normal daily activities independently.

During Fiscal Year 2007-2008 the Central Michigan Chapter:

- assisted 14 single family fire victims in Clare County
- assisted 22 single family fire victims in Isabella County
- assisted 9 families affected by windstorms, gas leak or flooding
- Fed 503 emergency response workers

While national and regional disasters garner media attention, local disasters go largely unnoticed. It costs the Chapter an average of \$582 per family for temporary shelter, food and clothing to those who have experienced a home fire. Some 80% of all emergencies we responded to last year were house fires. Chapter trained DAT (Disaster Response Teams) volunteers are invaluable to our disaster response program.

"...everyone in the community expects the Red Cross to show up."



GIVE BLOOD

There are many uses for units of blood. Red blood cells may be transfused to people who fail to produce their own, who hemorrhage or who are anemic. Platelets may be transfused to clot blood and prevent bleeding. They are most often needed by transplant or leukemia patients, or by people who must receive massive transfusions during major surgery or following an accident. Plasma is the liquid portion of the blood that contains its coagulation factors, blood proteins that are necessary for clotting to occur. Plasma is used to treat patients who need both volume and replacement of coagulation factors to prevent bleeding problems. Today, just 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood—and only 6 percent donate. Yet the need for blood is constant. To make a donation appointment, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

What remains unchanged: One hour of a person's time – one pint of blood – can help save up to three lives. We collected 2972 units of blood in Isabella County and 398 units in Clare County during this reporting period.

SERVICES TO ARMED FORCES

Send a Message

When service members hug their families good-bye, they tell their loved ones to call the Red Cross if they need to reach them with an emergency message. We continue to support active duty U.S. military personnel and their families and members of the National Guard and Reserves. We handled 20 cases for Clare County residents and 21 for Isabella County families. This program passes important emergency messages, referrals and related services to families whose loved ones are serving in the military. We can also provide emergency financial assistance on behalf of military aid societies for service members, retirees and their dependents. We also reach out to National Guard and Reserves members, community-based military, veterans and their families educating them about how to access our programs and services.

IN THE COMMUNITY

The staff and volunteer of the Central Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross spend many hours out in the community with the public, emergency management departments and human service agencies to insure that we work in a complimentary fashion with others in the community and that residents in Clare and Isabella counties are aware of our services and benefit from our many educational and assistance programs.

Here are some of the activities that we were involved in this fiscal year.

- Preparedness Fair in Isabella County
- Health Department Pandemic Flu Symposium
- Home Depot Fire Prevention Day
- Mount Pleasant Fire Department Open House
- CMU Homecoming Parade
- Region 6 Citizen Corps Monthly Meetings
- Health Department Health and Safety Fair
- 7th year as the warming station for holiday event in downtown Mt. Pleasant
- Mid Michigan Community College Volunteer Fair
- Central Michigan University Internship Fair
- Interservice Council
- Isabella County Collaborative Council
- WCZY Fill The Mayflower for the Red Cross Food Pantry
- Decent And Affordable Housing Committee Clare County
- Isabella County Medical Care Facility Food Drive
- WCFX & ICTC Caravan of Care
- CMU Vice Presidents Commission on Disaster Mental Health Preparedness
- Evacuation Exercise Isabella County

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHAPTER, AMERICAN RED CROSS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as of June 30, 2008

Current Assets:	
Unrestricted	
Cash and cash equivalents	18,481
Investments	180,811
Receivables	7,926
Accrued Income Receivable	1,974
Pledges receivable major gifts program	15,800
Inventories	17,208
Prepaid assets	1,336
Total Unrestricted Current Assets	243,536
Restricted	
Investments	21,797
Grants receivable	20,079
Total Restricted Current Assets	41,876
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	285,412
Non-current assets:	
Unrestricted	
Pledges receivable major gifts program	17,500
Land, Property, and Equipment	20,000
Building and Improvements	151,430
Equipment	30,349
Less accumulated depreciation	-56,687
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED NON-CURRENT ASSETS	162,592
TOTAL ASSETS	448,004
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	6,120
Sales Tax Payable	24
Salaries Payable	8,399
Payroll Taxes Payable	644
Accrued Expenses	5,473
Deferred Pledges - Major gifts	17,500
Deferred Revenue - Special Events	1,400
Deferred Revenue - Grants	2,500
Note Payable	12,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	54,060
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	352,068
Temporarily restricted	41,876
TOTAL NET ASSETS	393,944
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	448,004

- Clare County Hayes Township Disaster Planning Meeting
- Shepherd Fire Prevention Event
- Emergency Food and Shelter Program Board Isabella County
- Speaker for the Clare County Leadership Academy

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Why are young people so important to the American Red Cross? Young people represent not only our future, but our here and now. By engaging and serving young people, our Chapter can do what it's already doing in terms of delivering valuable services and programs to the community – only do it better by involving youth. Tomorrow these same young people will be our leaders, our service volunteers, our blood donors and our financial supporters.

In this reporting period, 1475 young persons participated in one or more of our youth programs – Home Alone (2nd graders), BAT (Basic Aid Training for 5th graders), Masters of Disaster (Junior High) and the Health & Safety Baby Sitting training.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

*Always there...touching more lives
In new ways...under the same trusted symbol.*



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	
Contributions, Revenue and Gains:	
Federated (United Way)	56,663
Monetary contributions (Special events excluded)	
Restricted	19,174
Unrestricted	62,299
Special Events (Gross)	52,264
Less costs related to	-11,077
Net special events revenue	41,187
In-Kind contributions	
Food pantry and baby pantry	52,023
Disaster equipment	5,000
Grants and Foundations	35,742
Blood Services - Great Lakes Blood Region	7,145
Investment income	11,205
Products and services	71,752
Royalty Income	4,885
Inter-Red Cross Revenues	6,487
Other Revenue and Gains	214
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS, REVENUE AND GAINS	373,776
Expenses Program Services	
Services to the Armed Forces (S.A.F.)	15,321
Disaster services	61,747
Blood Services	38,138
Health and Safety	69,953
Youth	1,137
Food Pantry	52,344
In-kind contributions food pantry and baby pantry	52,023
TOTAL program services	290,663
Supporting Services	
Management and general	69,975
Volunteer Program	750
Fund Raising (less cost of special events)	17,062
TOTAL supporting services	87,787
TOTAL EXPENSES	378,450
Unrealized (loss)/Gain on investments	-1,938
Pass Through gifts	
For National and International disaster relief	125
Change in Net Assets	-7,496
Net assets July 1, 2007	401,440
Net assets June 30, 2008	393,944