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**FY08 ANNUAL REPORT**

2007-2008 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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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, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.**

### SERVICES

BLOOD COLLECTIONS – 2,465 PINTS AT 69 DRIVES

CPR/FIRST AID COURSES - 100

CPR/FIRST AID ENROLLEES - 818

DISASTER EDUCATION – 532

DISASTER COURSES - 34

DISASTER ENROLLEES - 440

HEALTH & SAFETY INSTRUCTOR COURSES - 3

HEALTH & SAFETY INSTRUCTOR ENROLLEES - 10

MS POWER PROJECT SHARE FUND - \$14,475 TO 154 CLIENTS

SERVICE TO ARMED FORCES - 113

SINGLE FAMILY DISASTERS - \$17,622 TO 51 FAMILIES

VOLUNTEER HOURS – 4,275

## FY08 Abbreviated Audited Financial Information

### INCOME

#### Public Contributions:

United Way/CFC (federated) - \$104,857  
Monetary Funds - \$216,906  
Special Events - \$34,260  
Legacies and Bequests – 0  
In-Kind Contributions – 46,518  
Grants – \$23,242  
Public Contributions (Subtotal) - \$425,783

#### Other Income:

Contracts – \$13,181  
Investment/Endowment Income \$5,280  
Products and Services - \$22,619  
Inter-Red Cross Income - \$207,864  
All Other Income - \$299

Total Income - \$675,026

### EXPENSES

Program Expenses - \$417,283  
Support Expenses - \$32,384  
Chapter Assessment - \$39,486  
Losses – 0

Total Expenses - \$489,153

Excess/Deficit from Operations - \$185,873

### FINANCIAL MEASURES

Population – 160,305  
Households – 59,056

#### Per Capita Income:

Public Contributions - \$2.37  
Direct Monetary Contributions - \$1.71  
Product & Service Revenue - \$0.14  
Total Income/Population - \$4.21  
Public Contributions/Household - \$6.42  
Total Income/Household - \$11.43

FINANCIAL RATIOS

United Way/CFC/Total Income – 15.53%

Program Expenses/Total Expenses – Assessment – 92.80%

Chapter Assessment/Total Expenses – 8.07%

Financial Development Expenses/Public Contributions – 1.04%

DAYS OF

Cash & Investments – 274

Working Capital – 291

Net Assets - 410

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Consider the words of Scottish writer Thomas Carlyle:

*Here hath been dawning another blue day;  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless away?*

Carlyle penned those words during the Victorian Era (1837-1901), and yet their philosophy is relevant more than a Century later. Some very special people in Jackson and George Counties clearly have NOT let their days slip uselessly away. They are the volunteers of the Southeast Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The giving nature of our volunteers' hearts and hands never ceases to strike me in an awe-inspiring way. I am also a romantic subscriber to the notion about turning lemons into lemonade. Mix an altruistic spirit with that optimism, and you get 58 people, most of whom are survivors of the biggest natural disaster in our nation's history, deployed to assist victims of 19 disasters around the country. From that same mix of compassion, you also get a roster of Disaster Services volunteers that grows from 28 to 141 in a year, and continues to increase.

A people who have suffered personal losses, both emotional and material, beyond any expectation or imagination, leave their families and comfort zones in order to provide comfort to strangers who are experiencing similar trauma. It is a lovely illustration of humanitarianism. It is what the Red Cross is about.

Fiscal Year 2008: The Year of the Volunteer. With gratitude, I offer the same words to describe our volunteers that Adlai Stevenson used to describe Eleanor Roosevelt on her passing in 1962:

*She would rather light candles than curse the darkness,  
And her glow has warmed the world.*

Yours truly,  
Paige Roberts