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**FY06 ANNUAL REPORT**

2005-2006 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

AFES – EMERGENCY MESSAGES & ASSISTANCE - 181  
AQUATICS/WATER SAFETY COURSES - 1  
AQUATICS/WATER SAFETY ENROLLEES - 15  
BLOOD COLLECTIONS – 2,159 PINTS  
CPR/FIRST AID COURSES - 8  
CPR/FIRST AID ENROLLEES - 108  
DISASTER EDUCATION – TOGETHER WE PREPARE BROCHURES DISTRIBUTED/PRESENTATIONS GIVEN – 21,064  
DISASTER COURSES - 11  
DISASTER ENROLLEES - 115  
EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER (FED. PROGRAM) - \$1,264.13 TO 9 CLIENTS  
HEALTH & SAFETY INSTRUCTOR COURSES - 3  
HEALTH & SAFETY INSTRUCTOR ENROLLEES - 20  
MS POWER PROJECT SHARE FUND - \$6,747.14 TO 69 CLIENTS  
PROJECT COPE - \$170 TO 4 CLIENTS  
PRE-LANDFALL SHELTERS – 17 OPEN TO 3,299 RESIDENTS  
SINGLE FAMILY DISASTERS - \$10,741 TO 36 FAMILIES  
VOLUNTEER HOURS – 9,696

## FY05 Abbreviated Audited Financial Information

### INCOME

#### Public Contributions:

United Way/CFC (federated) - \$85,341  
Monetary Funds - \$43,365  
Special Events - \$22,853  
Disaster Relief -\$4,082  
Legacies and Bequests – 0  
In-Kind Contributions – 0  
Grants - \$34,130  
Public Contributions (Subtotal) - \$189,771

#### Other Income:

Contracts – 0  
Investment/Endowment Income \$128  
Products and Services - \$20,878  
Inter-Red Cross Income - \$20,587  
All Other Income - \$715

Total Income - \$232,079

### EXPENSES

Program Expenses - \$183,684  
Support Expenses - \$18,266  
Chapter Assessment - \$30,541  
Losses – 0

Total Expenses - \$232,491

Excess/Deficit - \$412 (deficit)  
Non-Operating Gains and Losses – 0  
Excess/Deficit from Operations - \$412 (deficit)

### FINANCIAL MEASURES

Population – 156,957  
Households – 58,005

#### Per Capita Income:

Public Contributions - \$1.21  
Direct Monetary Contributions - \$0.28  
Product & Service Revenue - \$0.13  
Total Income/Population - \$1.48  
Public Contributions/Household - \$3.27  
Total Income/Household - \$4.00

FINANCIAL RATIOS

United Way/CFC/Total Income – 36.77%

Program Expenses/Total Expenses – Assessment – 79.01%

Chapter Assessment/Total Expenses – 13.14%

Financial Development Expenses/Public Contributions – 0.04%

DAYS OF

Cash & Investments – 359

Working Capital – 340

Net Assets - 352

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Christian book author H. E. Luccock said, “No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.”

The sound of music, though, is sometimes harmonious, sometimes dissonant. So goes Fiscal Year 2006 for the Southeast Mississippi (SEMS) Chapter of the American Red Cross. As our annual report of services and our financial report show, we have enjoyed great successes in our community. It is a sweet melody.

A clashing of chords, came Katrina. She knocked us down, but not out. Our resilience stood us on solid ground again. We are wiser and more resourceful because of her. We are a closer community of neighbors because of her. We love more deeply, and we live more appreciatively because of her. She showed us that the strength of human nature can overcome the force of Mother Nature.

We measure our truest success by the impact we have on people’s lives. Each of us involved with the Red Cross has witnessed that impact firsthand: offering a bottle of water or a plate of food, providing shelter and comfort, giving a check to help with immediate needs, or lending a listening ear. Several months after Katrina struck the Coast, a woman said to me that right after the storm she knew everything would be okay when she saw the American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle turn down her street. The red cross symbolizes hope.

Hope is everything when the darkness of despair threatens to envelop us. We, the SEMS Chapter, use hope as our fuel every day. You provide that hope for us. We appreciate the hundreds of people who work so tirelessly to help us serve Jackson and George Counties. You ARE the Red Cross! You turned the cacophony of Katrina into the harmony of humanity. This organization is simply a conduit for people to help each other in times of need, and our local people have been coming to their neighbors’ aid through the Red Cross since this chapter’s inception in 1918.

Whether you give money, time or blood, you are an essential player in our orchestra. A mere thank-you seems insufficient, and yet, it is all we have. Know that it is sincerely felt and not lightly uttered.

As we look ahead, we realize our work is not done. As the poet Robert Frost wrote, we have “miles to go before we sleep, miles to go before we sleep.” We look to our many community partners to continue this journey alongside us. You will never find us whistling a happy tune. Instead, we are conducting an orchestra of fine-tuned instruments, instruments of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.

Yours truly,  
Paige Roberts