



MORGAN-LAWRENCE COUNTY

October 2007

## CALHOUN HOSTS SHELTER TRAINING

A shelter training session was recently held at Calhoun Community College. The purpose of the training was to acquaint the staff with the Red Cross expectations for operation of the State Hurricane Evacuation Shelter in the event of a hurricane on the Gulf Coast. Key players from both the Red Cross and Calhoun used this training as an opportunity to talk through some of the specifics and to voice concerns and questions about how the shelter will operate. Many different aspects of the possible shelter operation were discussed, including providing necessary supplies and



logistical questions involving how and when evacuees might arrive, what sort of notice can be expected, and what the overall effect on Calhoun's operations might be.

One of the most important needs the Red Cross will have in this situation is manpower. In order for the shelter to be most effective and to run as smoothly as possible, it is critical that we have trained volunteers ready. If you have an interest in being a shelter volunteer, please call the Red Cross office at 353-4891 and ask to speak with Shelia Brazelton or James Tardy.

*Coming Soon*  
[www.morglawredcross.org](http://www.morglawredcross.org)



## CPR AND FIRST AID COMMUNITY COURSE SCHEDULE

The Morgan-Lawrence County Chapter offers all training courses at our Chapter, located at 431 Holly Street in Decatur. We can also arrange for private classes for groups of six or more, or train a member of your organization as a Red Cross instructor. Call Becky at 353-4891 for more information or to register; class sizes are limited.

### Standard First Aid (includes Adult CPR/AED)

Course Fee: \$35.00  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Recognizing and caring for injuries or sudden illnesses until advanced medical help can take over. Handling emergency situations, breathing and cardiac emergencies, adult CPR, basic precautions for preventing disease transmission, identifying and caring for life-threatening bleeding, sudden illness and injuries. How to use an AED for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Meets OSHA Guidelines for First Aid.

#### Course Dates:

October 30  
November 6, 13, 27  
December 2, 11, 18

### Adult CPR/AED

Course Fee: \$30.00  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Recognizing and handling emergency situations, caring for breathing and cardiac emergencies, performing CPR on adults and using an AED on victims of sudden cardiac arrest until advanced medical help is available. Basic precautions for preventing disease transmission.

#### Course Dates:

October 30  
November 6, 13, 27  
December 2, 11, 18

### Babysitter's Training

Course Fee: \$35.00  
November 12, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Pre-registration is required

Students must be at least 11 years old on the course date. Gain the skills you need to be a great babysitter! As a Red Cross-trained babysitter, you'll gain confidence and valuable employment skills to impress parents.

In this fun, interactive course, you'll learn how to:

- Perform first aid and get professional medical help fast
- Identify common safety hazards and prevent injuries
- Make good, responsible decisions
- Supervise infants through school-age children
- Choose safe and age-appropriate toys and games
- Perform basic care routines like diapering and feeding
- Prepare simple meals and snacks
- Find and interview for babysitting jobs

At your Babysitter's Training class, you'll receive a full-color, illustrated handbook filled with great information and resources to use in the course and on the job. You will also receive a durable nylon bag that includes first aid supplies, a flashlight (batteries not included), a fill-in-the-blanks notepad for emergency information and more. Plus, there's plenty of room to carry your Babysitter's Training Handbook and children's toys and books.

# AMERICAN RED CROSS MORGAN-LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAPTER

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For The Year Ended June 30, 2007

### UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

#### Support

United Way Services funding for the year, net.....	\$ 114,128
Individuals.....	137,828
Materials and courses.....	40,065
Legacies, bequests, etc.....	10,000
City appropriation.....	23,210
Special events and other.....	22,984
Interest.....	8,818
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT.....</b>	<b>357,033</b>

Net assets released from restrictions

United Way Services funding for the year, net.....	171,500
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**Total Unrestricted Support and Reclassifications..... 528,533**

#### Expenses

Program services	
Safety services.....	77,948
Community services.....	29,230
Blood services.....	22,735
Disaster services.....	100,682
Services to armed forces.....	29,230
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES.....</b>	<b>259,825</b>

Support services

Management and general.....	32,479
Special events.....	26,815
Membership and fund raising.....	32,479
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES.....</b>	<b>91,773</b>

**Total Expenses..... 315,598**

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS..... 176,935

#### TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

United Way Services funding released from restrictions.....(166,000)

DECREASE IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS.....(166,000)

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS..... 10,935

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR.....409,207

**NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR..... \$420,142**

NOTE: A complete set of audited financial statements is available at the Chapter office for review.

### The MISSION of the AMERICAN RED CROSS

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/Red Crescent Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

#### MORGAN-LAWRENCE COUNTY CHAPTER

## 2006-2007

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#### Morgan-Lawrence County Chapter

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## Summary of Program Service Accomplishments (FY 2006-2007)

#### Armed Forces

#### Emergency Services

Cases Served.....81

#### Biomedical Services

Blood Drives.....222  
Blood Donations.....5035

#### Disaster Services

Single-family Disasters.....70  
Multi-family Operations.....0  
Families Assisted.....70

#### Community Services

People Receiving Community Disaster Education..... 208,084

#### Health & Safety Services

Courses Taught.....565  
People Trained.....4503

#### Human Resources

Adult Volunteers.....681  
Youth Volunteers.....115  
Total Paid Staff.....9

#### Volunteer To Paid

**Staff Ratio**.....88 to 1

## Test Shows Disaster Preparedness Strengths and Weaknesses

The Morgan-Lawrence County Chapter recently participated in a county-wide exercise which tested all emergency response capabilities in an attempted assassination and hostage situation at a political forum. Although the exercise was a law enforcement incident, we played a major role by providing family reunification.

The exercise was conducted at the Morgan County Fairgrounds on August 15th with the temperature exceeding 100 degrees. The extreme temperature alone was reason for concern. In this particular situation, the fair was in town and a political speech had been scheduled for a high-ranking public official. A couple of snipers were in the audience and first shot the speaker, then turned and began firing into the crowd, killing several and wounding many. A hostage was also taken during the turmoil, creating the need for the SWAT. All agencies were staged and ready to respond, but response was in real time.

The focus of the Red Cross was reunification of families separated by the incident. A tent was set up near the scene where family members seeking information could come and wait. Teams were also sent to each of the hospitals for the purpose of reunification.

Although this was only an exercise and we were not being graded by anyone, we were able to identify many of our own strengths and weaknesses. The dedication of our strong volunteer force is our greatest strength. Each volunteer possesses a wealth of knowledge, skills,

and abilities, and all volunteers work together as a team. We quickly identified communication as our major weakness. The Chapter does not have the technology necessary to communicate from one location to the other, with the exception of personal cell phones, which may or may not have reception. Most agencies that we work with in disaster, including Morgan County Emergency Management, use SouthernLinc two-way and cellular for communications. Therefore, we are considering this provider for the Red Cross in an effort to improve our response capability.

This was truly a great opportunity for the responders in our community, with FEMA providing funds necessary to conduct an exercise of this magnitude. Residents of Morgan County should be proud of all agencies in the county that respond to disasters, large or small, and the Morgan-Lawrence County Chapter American Red Cross should be proud of its disaster response volunteers.



## Major Gifts Campaign Update

In August, we launched our 3rd annual Major Gifts Campaign with a goal of \$50,000. To date, we have received \$33,000 with additional pledges of approximately \$7000. Funds from this year's campaign will be combined with funds from previous campaigns to purchase a Point of Distribution vehicle to provide on-site aid to disaster victims and rescue workers.

The Red Cross considers any gift of \$1000 or more as a major gift. Should you wish to make a contribution to this year's campaign, please contact Debbie Heard, Executive Director at 353-4891. Your pledge can be made by cash, check, or credit card, and can be made monthly, quarterly, or in one lump sum.

## Increased CPR/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid Community Course Offerings

Our Chapter is pleased to announce that, in order to better serve our customers, we are now offering three CPR/AED and First Aid community courses per month, rather than two. With more course dates, our customers will not have to wait as long to take one of our courses, when time is a consideration. In addition, our customers will now have more choices in course dates, to better accommodate busy schedules. Please see our Community Course Schedule in this issue for more information, or call Becky at 353-4891.

## HONOR A SOLDIER FOR VETERAN'S DAY

The Morgan/Lawrence County chapter of the American Red Cross provides the **ONLY vital link to COMMUNICATIONS** between service members and their families 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Military members stationed all over the world can send and receive messages to loved ones back home during an emergency or life-changing event. **Beginning Nov. 1**, you will have the opportunity to honor a loved one, friend, or employee who is serving or who has served in the U. S. armed forces. When you pay tribute to a Soldier/Veteran with an honorarium or memorial, you help ensure the continued provision of Red Cross services to soldiers and families. All donations are tax deductible. Memorials may be made by cash, check, or credit card by mail (P. O. Box 297, Decatur, AL 35602) or by coming to the Red Cross office at 431 Holly St.

## A SPECIAL THANKS

**United Way of Morgan County  
September 11, 2007 Day of Caring**

The staff and Board Members of the American Red Cross Morgan-Lawrence County would like to thank the volunteers for their hard work and enthusiasm during their Day of Caring project. The volunteers worked diligently to spruce up our organization, straightening and cleaning our storage rooms, archiving file folders, labeling boxes and filling comfort kits for disaster victims.

When you help the American Red Cross, you help our community!

## Blood Drives

### Weekly at our Decatur Office

431 Holly St. NE

#### **Mondays**

9:30am – 3:00pm

#### **Thursdays**

12:30pm – 5:30pm

### Community Drives

#### **Saturday, Oct. 20**

12:30 – 6:00

Decatur Mall

#### **Saturday, Nov. 4**

2:30 – 6:00

Wal-Mart, Decatur

#### **Wednesday, Nov. 7**

10:00 – 3:30

Compass Bank

#### **Friday, Nov. 9**

8:00 – 1:30

Regions Interstate Billings

## VOLUNTEERS ARE VALUABLE

**Adult Volunteers (19+)** The Red Cross has a proud tradition of volunteers helping their neighbors in emergencies. Today we need you more than ever. We need good people to help the victims of disaster. We need good people to roll up their sleeves and donate blood. And we need good people to make financial gifts so the Red Cross will always be there to help. Will you join us and become a part of the tradition of helping? Together, we can save a life!

**Youth Volunteers (12-18)** Looking for something fun and rewarding to do? Be an American Red Cross Youth Volunteer! You can help those in need by supporting disaster relief, blood collection, Health & Safety Training and more! When you volunteer for the Red Cross, you'll feel great, make new friends, and get a chance to really help others in your community. Be a youth leader with the Red Cross.

For more information contact Linda Johnson, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at [ljohnson@morglawredcross.org](mailto:ljohnson@morglawredcross.org) or (256) 353-4891.

## Alabama/Auburn Blood Drive

The Alabama/Auburn Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the Red Cross Office in Decatur from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in Moulton at Regions Bank from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

If you can only give blood once a year, this would be a great time to roll up your sleeve and donate for a good cause. Over four million people need blood each year in the United States. That's one person every two seconds, and the overwhelming majority would die without it. Healthy donors are the only source of blood. There is no substitute.

Blood donations are extremely important before the Christmas Holidays, so come out and support your favorite team on November 15.