

MARCH SPOTLIGHT

RED CROSS

March is Red Cross Month here in Union County. Your Local Chapter has activities going on throughout the month. We have weekend community classes, and Save-A-Life Saturday on March 14. Stop by our office any time to get a tour and to find out what community donations provide.

The Executive Director along with staff members work to provide services to our military, provide Health and Safety Classes, ensure local disaster relief, and maintain an adequate and safe blood supply for those in need in the area.

The chapter is an agency of the United Way of Union County and chartered by Congress to provide disaster relief in the community as part of its mission to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

The American Red Cross relies 100% on community funding to fulfill its mission. Lynne Whatley comments, "we're truly here doing what we do because of the generous local corporate and individual support from the community. Local disasters deplete funds quickly as the chapter works with area families throughout the year that fall victim to devastating house fires. Funds are also used to provide swim lessons, lifeguard, CPR, First Aid, Babysitter and other educational classes, all in an effort to prevent disaster and keep our community safe", Lynne emphasizes. For information on upcoming classes and/or to find out about volunteer opportunities with the chapter, visit the website at <http://chapters.redcross.org/oh/unioncounty>, call 937-642-6651 or stop by at 112 East 5th Street in downtown Marysville.



Fast Facts:

**Conducted bloodmobiles throughout Union County last year with more than 6,000 donors producing 5,200 productive units of blood. Each blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives.

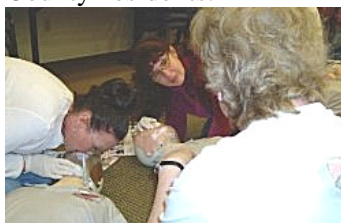
**Assisted 32 military families last year, keeping military personnel in touch with their families in response to an assortment of family emergencies.



**Provided assistance last year to 51 individuals after their homes suffered damage from tornado, flooding, fire, or other disasters.



**Provided safety training courses to more than 3,362 individuals last year in the areas of First Aid, CPR, water safety / lifeguard, babysitting and sports safety. These courses are taken by local emergency response personnel, local lifeguards, child care providers, latchkey personnel, sports trainers, officials, and other Union County residents.



**Red Cross teaches the techniques necessary to become certified in CPR.

The next Bloodmobile in Richwood will be at the First United Methodist Church at 18 S. Fulton Street, on March 16 from 1:00 - 7:00.

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GIRL SCOUTS

Former Girl Scouts are everywhere!

U.S. Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (New York) and Barbara Mikulski (Maryland); Dr. Joyce Brothers; Former Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court Sandra Day O'Connor, ABC "Good Morning America" Anchorwoman Robin Roberts, plus thousands of others all have one thing in common – at one time in their lives they were Girl Scouts.

From the inception of Girl Scouting in the United States in 1912, founder Juliette Gordon Low recognized that developing girls' leadership abilities was a critical factor for ensuring that they would be the change-makers of the future. One way for girls to create change for themselves and others is to assume leadership roles. Where do girls see role models of leadership? They see it in the caring, competent women who give unselfishly of their time.

Did you know:

- 64% of the women listed in *Who's Who of American Women* are Girl Scout alumnae.
- Participation in Girl Scouting has grown from 18 girls in 1912 to approximately 3.7 million members today, making Girl Scouts the largest organization for girls in the world.
- The first Girl Scout troops began before women were given the right to vote. Today, 90 years later, there is a "Troop Capitol Hill" made up entirely of Congresswomen who are honorary Girl Scouts.
- As far back as 1912, girls earned badges in such things as electrical work, farming, telegraphy, sports, first aid, and engineering.
- There are 22,000 American Girl Scouts living in more than 79 countries outside the United States.
- Girl Scout nationwide work together to actively participate in environmental protection, anti-drug abuse education, financial literacy awareness, and anti-violence initiatives.

For more information about Girl Scouts in your community, contact Lindsay Brown, 1-800-621-7042, at Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council