



The Iowa Great Lakes Chapter Needs Your Help

- The American Red Cross is the only humanitarian organization with a Congressional charter to provide relief to victims of disasters and to help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.
- The Iowa Great Lakes Area Chapter abides by the seven founding principles of the Red Cross movement: Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity and Universality.
- The Iowa Great Lakes Chapter service area covers 5 counties serving more than people 70,090.
- The American Red Cross has received an A+ rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy for its proven ability to get quick relief to disaster victims while using every dollar wisely; Charity Navigator has designated the Red Cross a 4-star charity, its highest rating.
- Everyday the American Red Cross empowers ordinary people to do extraordinary things, with a mission to provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

2009 Iowa Great Lakes Chapter Milestones

Empowered, prepared and trained in lifesaving skills	+810 individuals
Aquatics: Learn to Swim Program	1,096
Regional military family service and communication	136 cases (official) +175 hours of communication provided
Local disaster victims helped	16 Fires - 24 adults and 11 children
Local Red Cross volunteers	194
Children touched by Scrubby Bear Youth Program	451

A **Heroes** \$1,000 donation will provide...

- Food and shelter a family of 4 for 5 nights
- Provide 8 Red Cross disaster relief workers with travel, meals and shelter for a day
- Connection for 6 military families during an emergency

The Iowa Great Lakes Chapter of the American Red Cross is honored to announce Hometown **HERO**es:

- Farmers Bank of Spencer, whom donated \$10.00 per unit of potential blood donated during the Spencer Blood drive held on Feb. 8th and 9th.
- Wild Rose Casino
- Great Lakes Communications
- Solutions, Inc.
- KICD 107.7, KICD AM 1240 and Lite 104.9

The Iowa Great Lakes Chapter of the American Red Cross needs YOU to be HERO!