

# Chapter Matters



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## Stay Safe this Summer with the Following Water Safety Tips

A recent American Red Cross survey\* shows that almost half the adults surveyed on water safety say they've had an experience where they nearly drowned, and one in four know someone who has drowned. Over 90% of families with young children will be in the water at some point this summer. With so many planning to be in, on or near the water, it is important to follow the basics of water safety:

- Maintain constant supervision and only swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR courses to learn how to respond.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.

*\*Source: Red Cross Telephone survey during March 20-23, 2009, conducted by ORC International.*

## Lutheran Health Physicians Announced as Silver Level Corporate Sponsor

The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana is pleased to announce that Lutheran Health Physicians is the first Silver Level Corporate Sponsor for 2010. As a Silver Level Sponsor, Lutheran Health Physicians will financially help support local programs and services of the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana. In return, the American Red Cross will recognize Lutheran Health Physicians in various ways throughout the year.

"As part of Lutheran Health Physicians, Lutheran Medical Group (LMG) is pleased to have the opportunity to help support the programs and services of the American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana," said Jo Ann Johnston, interim CEO of LMG. "Whether it's helping people prevent, prepare for or respond to emergencies or utilizing evidence-based medicine and top-of-the line technologies to care for patients, both the Red Cross and LMG believe in promoting the highest quality of life for all individuals. As a Lutheran Health Physicians physician group, LMG is proud to support the American Red Cross as a silver-level sponsor."



Many thanks to our first Silver Level Corporate Sponsor, Lutheran Health Physicians! For more information on becoming a Corporate Sponsor and making a difference in our community, please contact Jeri Rusk at (260) 484-9336 x230 or [ruskj@usa.redcross.org](mailto:ruskj@usa.redcross.org).

## Volunteers Rock!

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the American Red Cross held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation event to recognize our wonderful group of volunteers. These volunteers were recognized for their efforts and contributions: Muriel Hunt, Exceptional Volunteer of the Year; Dick Miller, Volunteer of the Year; Quinn Brenneke, Youth Volunteer of the Year; Marquee Endsley, Youth Rookie Volunteer of the Year; Mike Kellermeyer, Service to Armed Forces Volunteer; Jo Milliken, Disaster Services Volunteer; Marilyn Geist, Preparedness and Safety Solutions Volunteer; Lois Hess, Financial Development Volunteer; Tom Fink, Board Volunteer and Susan Terfler, MIX volunteer.



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## Humanitarian of the Year Luncheon

The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana hosted the 3rd Annual *Humanitarian of the Year* luncheon on April 29th at the Grand Wayne Center. The *Humanitarian of the Year* award recognizes a local person whose efforts and accomplishments have made our community a better place to live and work. This year we were pleased to honor John Tippmann, Sr. as a community-wide philanthropist. Mr. Tippmann supports many local organizations, including Matthew 25, Vincent Village, St. Joseph Community Health Foundation, Women's Care Center, and the University of St. Francis.



In addition to honoring Mr. Tippmann, guests also heard a testimony from a Red Cross Service to Armed Forces client and witnessed a Lifesaving Award of Merit presentation to three local heroes. Officers Duane Romines, Ricky Wiegmann, II and Cleveland Inge, Jr. were presented with the Lifesaving Award of Merit for the Professional Responder. This is one of the highest awards given by the Red Cross to an individual or team of individuals who saves or sustains a life by using skills and knowledge learned in an American Red Cross Health and Safety Course.

Special thanks to our Patron Sponsor, Indiana Michigan Power, and to all of our Table Sponsors: Tower Bank, Barrett & McNagny LLP, NIPSCO, PNC and Vincent Village. Additional thanks to more than 200 guests, volunteers and committee who helped make this year's luncheon event a great success!

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## Hit the Green, Support Red



The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana hosted its Fifteenth Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Cobblestone Golf Course in Kendallville, Indiana. Twenty four teams of golfers enjoyed a day of good weather, fun, food, prizes, and a silent auction. This year's Honorary Chair and dinner guest speaker was Bob Chase, voice of Komet Hockey.

Special thanks to our event sponsor, SIRVA, and our dinner sponsor, Qdoba. Additional thanks to Navistar for their sponsorship support, as well as all hole sponsors, in-kind donors, Cobblestone Golf Course staff, Pizza Hut of Kendallville, the planning committee and all volunteers who assisted with the outing. Thanks to the efforts of many, over \$20,000 was raised for local programs!

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## Foundation Support

The chapter has received a generous tech grant for a total of \$25,018 from the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne to update equipment that is 7-8 years old such as laptops, printers and monitors. The American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana is grateful for the generous support continually provided by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.

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**Calendar of Events:** For details on these and other events, please visit <http://redcrossofnei.org/calendar.php>.

- **June 10:** Changing Lives Tour, 12:00 pm
- **June 1-7:** National CPR/AED Awareness Week
- **June 3:** Workplace Seminar, 7:30 am
- **June 23:** Annual Meeting, 4:30 pm
- **June 24:** Changing Lives Tour, 12:00 pm
- **June 29:** Workplace Seminar, 7:30 am
- **July 8:** Changing Lives Tour, 12:00 pm
- **July 22:** Changing Lives Tour, 12:00 pm



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