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Local American Red Cross ranks among the top 5% of Chapters in the country

SCRANTON, PA January 5, 2009 – For the third year running, the American Red Cross of Lackawanna County has achieved the rank of Highly Performing Chapter according to the American Red Cross national organization. Lackawanna County was among the top 5% of the 743 chapters in the U.S. evaluated in fiscal year 2008, and 1 of only 3 chapters in Pennsylvania to achieve this prestigious ranking.

To achieve this distinction, chapters were evaluated on a comprehensive set of corporate and performance criteria including governance, financial strength and stability, service delivery, human resources, business practices and organizational unity/ARC Corporate Citizenship.

During fiscal year 2008, the American Red Cross of Lackawanna County:

- Collected over 11,000 units of blood
- Taught lifesaving skills to over 6000 individuals
- Responded to 47 local emergencies
- Provided emergency shelter, food and clothing to 174 individuals
- Facilitated emergency communications for 193 military personnel

“This is an extraordinary accomplishment for the Chapter which could not have been achieved without the support of the local community. It is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of our employees and volunteers, including our Board of Directors, and a reminder of the importance of striving to always do our best for our community” commented Bob Cherundolo, CEO of the American Red Cross of Lackawanna County. The Chapter wishes to thank the residents of Lackawanna County for their generous donations of time, blood and money.

The Chapter’s Annual Report for the period July 1, 2007- June 30, 2008 is available at the following website www.neparc.org under the *News Releases* section.

The American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters at home and abroad, collects and distributes nearly half of the nation's blood supply, teaches lifesaving skills, and supports military members and families. The American Red Cross, a charity and not a government agency, depends on voluntary contributions of time, money and blood to perform its humanitarian mission.