

## WE APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

When you look at the history of the American Red Cross, you realize that it was created as a volunteer-driven organization. If you look at the current Red Cross operations in Henderson County you quickly see the same thing – actually 98% of our total local team is made up of volunteers!

On June 14, 2011 almost 80 “Red Crossers” gathered for a cookout to celebrate our terrific volunteers. We were reminded that our disaster responses, blood drives, many of our training classes, administrative functions (like front desk duties, much data entry and computer support), community services (like blood pressure clinics and our blood screening labs), board leadership and more happen through the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. In fact, the estimated labor value of our volunteers is well over \$55,000 each year!

Individual recognition was given to “Volunteers of the Year”: Anita Krzywicki (Community Services), John Batzold (Blood Services), Michael Parente (Disaster Services), Phyllis Sheldon (Health & Safety Services), Tony Bishop (Administrative Services) and Yolanda Nedwed (overall chapter volunteer of the year). We also recognized two directors who are rotating off the board with outstanding history of service to the chapter: BJ Slovacek and Jim Bailes.

What a difference each of these volunteers have made to our Henderson County operations!



(Phyllis Sheldon)



(John Batzold)



(Anita Krzywicki)



(Michael Parente)



(Tony Bishop)



(Yolanda Nedwed)

A huge thanks to GO Grocery for donating the great hamburgers, Crystal's BBQ for donating slaw, Lowe's for donating hanging fern baskets for award winners, and to our donors who fund most of what we do!



(Jim Bailes)



(BJ Slovacek)

Our volunteers: both workers and donors, *are* the Red Cross in our community – and we respectfully say “Thanks!”