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**AMERICAN RED CROSS, GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER
RECEIVES \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE HOME DEPOT**

*Grant will allow Greater Cleveland Chapter to offer
outreach classes to new and current volunteers*

Cleveland – (Oct. 26, 2007) – The American Red Cross, Greater Cleveland Chapter today announced that it has received a \$10,000 grant from The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, to recruit and train 60-80 disaster preparedness volunteers. This is the second consecutive year in which the chapter has been awarded a grant through this program.

The Home Depot/American Red Cross Chapter Grants Program is part of a three-year multi-million dollar strategic partnership between The Home Depot and the Red Cross to educate one million people in disaster preparedness and to support Red Cross disaster readiness efforts. The goal of reaching one million people was surpassed in year two of the partnership, however, The Home Depot and the Red Cross remain committed to building stronger and safer communities. In addition to the grant program, The Home Depot also provides year-round in-kind donations to local chapters for disaster relief efforts, in-store preparedness clinics developed with Red Cross expertise, and funding for Red Cross diversity and emergency services program manager training.

Nationwide last year, The Home Depot/American Red Cross Chapter Grants Program reached, trained and educated approximately 315,000 people. Specialized disaster preparedness programs included outreach to Somali, Latino, Vietnamese, young people and deaf/hearing-impaired communities.

“This grant is important to the Chapter because it allows us to strengthen and diversify our volunteer capacity and leadership ability in the Greater Cleveland area,” said Mary-Alice Frank, Greater Cleveland Chapter CEO.

“The Home Depot has a history of being a champion for its communities and providing significant relief and recovery support immediately following a disaster,” said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. “By partnering with the Red Cross, we are providing our communities with additional tools to help them rebound quickly and completely.”

As the world’s largest home improvement retailer, The Home Depot embraces its role as a leader in social responsibility and celebrates its long-standing commitment to volunteerism. The Home Depot is passionate about helping its neighbors and communities during times of need. Another important component of The Home Depot’s disaster relief program is to educate communities on the importance of disaster preparedness in order to help minimize the loss associated with these devastating events.

To sign up for additional training opportunities, visit www.redcross-cleveland.org.

The Greater Cleveland Chapter helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies by providing shelter, food, clothing and mental health counseling to families affected by disasters in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties. All disaster relief is free and is made possible by generous donations from the American people. The Chapter also provides CPR, First Aid, Water Safety and preparedness training to thousands of individuals each year. The Greater Cleveland Chapter has been the respected humanitarian disaster response organization in our community for 102 years.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work

About The Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,217 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S.

Virgin Islands, 10 Canadian provinces, Mexico and China. Through its HD Supply(SM) businesses, The Home Depot is also one of the largest diversified wholesale distributors in the United States, with nearly 1,000 locations in the United States and Canada offering products and services for building, improving and maintaining homes, businesses and municipal infrastructures. In fiscal 2006, The Home Depot had sales of \$90.8 billion and earnings of \$5.8 billion. The Company employs approximately 355,000 associates and has been recognized by FORTUNE(R) magazine as the No. 1 Most Admired Specialty Retailer and the No. 13 Most Admired Corporation in America for 2006. Its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:HD) and is included in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

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