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## **Piedmont Chapter Recognizes Contributions of Volunteers**

*Awards Reception held at Extended Stay Corporate Office*

**SPARTANBURG, SC., April 21, 2010** – The Piedmont Chapter of the American Red Cross showed its appreciation for the hard work of its local volunteers, staff, and community partners with a reception held last night at the Extended Stay Corporate Office in Spartanburg.

“It is always appropriate to take time away from our work to recognize the efforts of our volunteers, community partners and staff,” Rochelle Brown, chapter Executive Director, said. “The mission of the American Red Cross is far reaching, and we need all of those entities working together to have an effective impact on our community.”

As the largest humanitarian organization in the United States, the American Red Cross depends on volunteers to accomplish the organization’s mission—providing relief to victims of disasters and helping people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. In the past 12 months, 150 volunteers from Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union counties have given their time to the local chapter in all areas of need, including Health and Safety, Disaster Services, and office administration.

Eleven individuals received special awards of appreciation:

**Deb Huffman**, Exceptional Volunteer - Disaster Services, Spartanburg County  
**Chasity Chandler**, Exceptional Volunteer - Disaster Services, Cherokee County  
**Michael Morrow**, Exceptional Volunteer - Health and Safety, Cherokee County  
**Ginny Braun**, Exceptional Volunteer - Health and Safety, Union County  
**Jim Cothran**, Exceptional Volunteer - Administrative Support, Spartanburg  
**Mary Corker**, Exceptional Volunteer - Administrative Support, Cherokee  
**Blair Barber**, Exceptional Volunteer - Administrative Support, Union  
**Pat Stephens**, Exceptional Community Volunteer – Spartanburg Regional Hospital  
**Dialysis Clinic, Inc.**, Community Partner  
**Spartanburg County Communications**, Community Partner  
**Sue Keith**, Rising Star Award

The event was made possible by the following sponsors: **Extended Stay Corporate Office, Wal-Mart, Chic-Fil-A, Wild Wing Café, Bi-Lo, La Paz Mexican Restaurant, The Clock Restaurant – Boiling Springs, Denny’s, and Outback Steakhouse**

Last year on a national level, 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. 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.