

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
HANCOCK COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: AMERICAN RED CROSS**

In February of 2015, a toddler was playing with a lighter and caused a fire. The family of nine were all able to get out of the home without injury. The home and all of their possessions were completely lost. Unfortunately they had no insurance. A family of that size has many needs. The Red Cross was able to provide them a pre-loaded debit card to help them access immediate emergency needs including food, new clothing and shelter. The mother also lost her glasses, and the Red Cross provided a voucher for a replacement pair. Finding a home within a few days after a disaster is difficult, but finding a home for a family of nine in an emergency situation is almost impossible in any location. Even after a week or so, the family was still in temporary housing. The goal of the Red Cross is to help clients return to pre-disaster normal as quickly as possible, so we continued to work with the family. The Red Cross provided many community resources including vouchers to St. Vincent DePaul, Salvation Army and others. When they finally found a new home, community resources for utility deposits were provided as well.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$100 American Red Cross can:

- Provide 10 people a warm, hearty and comforting meal
- Provide one emergency family kit—containing a month's worth of supplies—to survivors of a disaster
- Provide a full day of food and shelter for two adults: includes providing breakfast, lunch and dinner, the costs to mobilize and distribute a cot, two blankets and a comfort kit as well as the costs to support the Red Cross workers providing this service
- Cover the cost to provide diapers, wipes and soy formula for two infants

