

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

In addition to responding to one fire call, the Red Cross has responded to 6 Service to the Armed Forces cases in Union County. While we can never predict the needs for fire calls or SAF calls, we have to be prepared for them whenever they happen. While community members may hear about fire calls, they usually don't hear about our SAF calls, because those are handled one on one and without much publicity or fanfare. The costs associated with handling service member emergencies are varied and can be very costly depending on what is needed and if a service personnel winds up having to come home to attend to it. The specific stories are kept confidential but six cases in Union County tends to be a higher number than typical. The services provided could have ranged from social services to actual financial assistance to travel home. The Red Cross met those needs in Union County with a 100% satisfaction rating from our surveys. Additionally, Union County residents have rolled up their sleeves to provide much needed blood for hospitals. Because of their generous donations of 283 units of blood, 849 lives can potentially be saved. This is a significant amount of life-saving blood, and although there are costs associated with it, the Red Cross is very happy to have the cooperation and volunteerism related to it in Union County.

**WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?**

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

- Ensure 10 people receive a warm, hearty and comforting meal to give them energy for the challenging days ahead.
- 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

