

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

Webster County Emergency Management called the Red Cross to provide assistance to firefighters from three counties who were responding to a large grass field that stretched about 5 miles from Clay to Providence. The fire was large and off-road so many of the 35 or so firefighters were battling the fire by hand and with manual equipment. Firefighters were exhausted and getting dehydrated. The Red Cross responded to help hydrate and feed firefighters to allow them to return to continue their mission. "When a fire is as large as this fire, there was not anyone available to do a water or food run. Without the Red Cross providing support, water and food, the firefighters would have struggled to fight the fire. The volunteers were a welcome sight on such a large response. Because all of the assistance, all the structures in harms' way were not touched by the fire." – A firefighter

This is just one example of a story from Webster County. The costs associated with being prepared and able to respond immediately like that are why we appreciate support from donors and the United Way.

**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
- Covers the cost to provide diapers, wipes and soy formula for two infants

