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**Area Businesses Support the Local Red Cross**  
**2007 Red Cross Corporate Sponsors Recognized**

**March 7, 2007 - Rhinelander, WI** - The American Red Cross serving north central Wisconsin recently concluded its 2007 Corporate Sponsorship Campaign. Businesses across northern Wisconsin personified America's humanitarian spirit by responding with financial gifts totaling over \$8,000. These funds will aide the Red Cross in their disaster relief services to families impacted by house fires, flooding or storm damage, provide CPR, First Aid and swim classes in communities across northern Wisconsin and support emergency communication services for our military families. In addition, these dollars will assist the Red Cross in hosting blood drives in communities across northern Wisconsin in the coming year.

The American Red Cross is proud to recognize our 2007 Corporate Sponsors in Northern Wisconsin:

- Associated Bank – Merrill & Rhinelander
- Chase Bank – Antigo
- Estabrooks, Inc. – Rhinelander
- Foster & Smith, Inc. - Rhinelander
- Ministry Health Care – Rhinelander, Tomahawk, Minocqua, Eagle River & Merrill
- Oneida County Tavern League - Rhinelander
- Packaging Corporation of America – Tomahawk
- Pukall Lumber – Minocqua
- Waukesha Bearings – Antigo

For more information on the Corporate Sponsorship Campaign or to learn more about the Red Cross services, please contact the Rhinelander office at 715/362-5456 or visit our website at <http://portagewi.redcross.org>.

The American Red Cross serves the counties of Adams, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida, Portage and Vilas. A satellite office is located in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Services provided by each local chapter of the American Red Cross include biomedical services,

health & safety courses for the community, armed forces emergency services, disaster services and assistance as well as international services.

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*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.*