

A Testimonial From Someone We Have Touched

I just spent my whole day doing follow-up from last night's fire. We are helping four separate families from that fire....here is your story;

Late Monday evening, September 17th, 2012, a fire was detected on Chillicothe Street in Bellefontaine. We, the American Red Cross, were contacted to assist the families with recovery. We dispatched 3 highly trained members of our Disaster Action Team. These volunteers are given many hours of training to be able to effectively assist our clients. Our Disaster Team stood with 4 families as many of their belongings were burned up. Two young children lost virtually everything in their bedroom. When our team members handed them a toy to be their very own, they smiled. Our team then took the families to a hotel where we are hosting them, and began assisting the families to get them what they needed. They stayed with the families until 4am Tuesday morning, comforting them and walking them through the next steps that one must take after a house fire. Because of the generous donations made to the United Way and the allocation we received, we were able to host 3 families in Hotels, one family stayed with family members, and financially assist 4 families, and are currently working on rent assistance for rehousing these families, all from this one house fire.

I sat with one of the families as their toddlers played. They had moved into this apartment just 9 days earlier. We sat and planned their next step, finding a new apartment. We will be assisting them with that financially, and they are so grateful to those that have donated! Having lost so much, yet they are rejoicing because they are able to take their children shopping and will be able to start over. They also rejoiced because the picture albums of their children were found and could be salvaged! When you lose so much, you realize what is most important. The children were given toys and all the families are safe and have food and clothing today, thanks to the generosity of those who support the United Way. The American Red Cross of Logan county assists dozens of families each year after house fires. The funds donated also have assisted us in getting disaster preparedness and prevention training to many Logan County residents. We believe this education has been a key in lowering the number of families that were affected by fire in the last year. But there is still much work to be done. That is why we will be in the schools and around the county teaching families to better safeguard their home and prevent such tragedies in the future. Your dollars help fund the education of volunteers and residents to help make Logan county a safer place!

Sherri Timmers.....Executive Director Logan County



“Together”, we can make a difference. Be A “HERO” and Support the United Way Of Logan County

