

## New donations help Holiday Appeal top \$35,000

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Gifts of \$1,000 from an anonymous donor from Princeton "In memory of Rose and Richard Mack, longtime Red Cross volunteers," and \$500 from an anonymous donor from Titusville were among the latest contributions that helped raise the total for The Times Holiday Appeal to \$35,110.

Yesterday, Rhodia Inc. of Cranbury pledged to match the next \$5,000 raised by the community. The latest gifts mean \$1,825 more is needed to meet the Rhodia challenge.

Douglas J. Ianni sent a gift of \$225 with a note, "On behalf of the N.J. Department of the Treasury's Office of Human Resources, please accept this dona-

tion that will be used to support the services and programs of the American Red Cross.

"This year has been a particularly difficult one for my staff and me as we have had to struggle with the loss of family members and with co-workers and loved ones battling life-threatening illnesses," he wrote.

"In each of these situations, we take a collection to help each other in our times of need. It never occurred to me that, in a way, we have acted as our own Red Cross, showing that there are others who care when you're faced with very difficult situations. It is in that spirit that we make this donation so



that the American Red Cross can continue to show that people really do care in the face of disasters. Keep up the good work."

Marc and Patricia Ferrer of Titusville sent \$200 and Maureen Dollard of Yardley, Pa., sent \$150.

Gifts of \$100 each came from Donna and Charlie Rowland of Flemington; Harry and Alles Blaze of Hamilton; Hunt and Margaret Stockwell of Princeton; David Hicks of Lambertville; and Linda Luedeke of Pennington with a note, "In appreciation for all the Red Cross does in our local community."

Paul and Jan Carden of Hamilton also sent a donation.

Anonymous donations include \$200 from Mercerville, \$100 from Princeton Junction and \$100 from Cranbury.

Many thanks to these benefactors.

The Times deducts no overhead expenses. All money goes directly to the designated nonprofit agency.

To make a donation in support of the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, please make your check payable to The Times Holiday Appeal and mail or deliver it to: 500 Perry St., Box 847, Trenton, NJ 08605. To make a donation online, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

All gifts will be acknowledged. Anonymity, if requested, will be granted.

For more information about the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey, please call (609) 951-8550 or visit the Web site at [www.njredcross.org](http://www.njredcross.org).