

Holiday Appeal late surge pushes total to \$43,345

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Last Wednesday, when the total for the 2005 Times Holiday Appeal hit \$31,935, Rhodia Inc. of Cranbury pledged to match the next \$5,000 raised by the community, challenging Times readers to be generous this holiday season.

The readers responded with an additional \$6,835 in contributions. With Rhodia's matching gift the Appeal total is \$43,345.

Funds from this year's Holiday Appeal will be used to support the services and programs of the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey.

"Rhodia recognizes the positive impact the Red Cross can have on communities, families and individuals, quite apart from a disaster's headlines," said James Harton, president of Rhodia Inc. "This work, right in our communities, is every bit as important as the better-known relief efforts. We're proud to lend our support, and to serve as a catalyst for matching support from Times readers."

"The Red Cross salutes Rhodia for their community allegiance and extend our sincere gratitude to both Rhodia and The Times readers who have so generously supported our programs

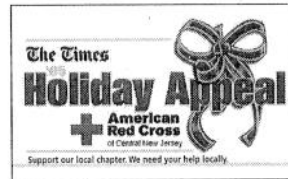
and services through the holiday appeal," said Kevin Sullivan, CEO of the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey.

"We thank Rhodia Inc. for challenging the community, and for their generous contribution to the Holiday Appeal," said Richard Bilotti, publisher of The Times. "We also thank our readers, who recognize how important the local Red Cross is right here in our area."

The latest donors are:

Mitch Kleiman and Sarah Spalding-Kleiman of Cranbury, \$1,000; Information Services Department of The Times of Trenton, \$120; Dorris and William Brady of Whiting, \$100; Doris P. Schwartz of Hamilton, \$100 "In memory of William J. Schwartz"; and Michael and Terry Bolan of Pennington, \$75.

Adaline Adams of Lawrenceville sent a donation of \$50 with a note, "In loving memory of my first cousin once removed, Marian Oyler, who died Dec. 22 at the age of 97. She was a generous supporter of such worthy causes throughout her long life — one of many fine examples she left to succeeding generations"; William and Susan Pigula of Lawrenceville, \$50; the Barto-



lino family of Titusville, \$50; Sandy and Judith Smith of Lawrenceville, \$50; Lillian and Anthony Chiappetta of Trenton, \$50; and Full Circle Landscaping Inc. of Princeton, \$50.

Former Hamilton Councilwoman Eileen P. Thornton of Hamilton sent a gift of \$50 with a note, "I happily continue my holiday tradition of contribution to The Times Holiday Appeal in memory of my parents, Helen S. and Bill Thornton. My contribution to such a worthy cause helps make the season cheerier and merrier for me."

Daniel and Elaine Tomasulo of Mercerville sent \$40 and Gene Dow and Karen Domanski Dow of Hamilton, \$30.

Italian American War Veterans Trenton Post No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary, \$25; Robin H. Gould of Roosevelt, \$20; Sophie Gazonas of Hamilton Square, \$20; and Mary and George Dulo of Burlington, \$20.

Anonymous donations include \$50 from Lawrenceville, \$30 from Hamilton, \$25 from West Windsor, \$25 from "a Brookshire Senior Apartments tenant," and \$25 from Hamilton Square.

Heartfelt thanks to these benefactors.



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Mark Dahlinger, left, vice president and CFO of Rhodia Inc., presents a check for \$5,000 to Kevin Sullivan, CEO of American Red Cross of Central New Jersey.

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

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.