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### **Yawkey Foundations Donate \$15,000 to the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter**

Hyannis, Mass., November 3rd, 2010 – The Yawkey Foundations of Dedham recently supported the American Red Cross Cape Cod and Islands Chapter with a \$15,000 grant towards its Emergency Response Vehicles and disaster relief support.

*“Tom and Jean Yawkey were ardent supporters of providing crucial social services to those most in need. The Trustees of the Yawkey Foundations are proud to honor the Yawkey legacy by supporting the meaningful and caring work of the American Red Cross,”* said James Healey, President and Trustee of the Yawkey Foundations.

The Yawkey Foundations were established more than twenty years ago to further serve the Yawkey’s many charitable goals. The mission of the Yawkey Foundations is to continue the charitable legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making grants that provide immediate, significant, and positive impact on the quality of life of youth, families, and the underserved, primarily in the areas which the Yawkeys called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina. For more additional information about the Yawkey Foundations, visit their website at [www.yawkeyfoundations.org](http://www.yawkeyfoundations.org)

Glen Beasley, Executive Director of the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter says: *“Currently our Chapter has almost 500 volunteers on Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. It has five Emergency Response Vehicles in place (one in each zone) to support firefighters, police and other emergency personnel on the scene of local emergencies as well as offer a safe and comfortable place to talk for those who just suffered from a disaster. With the increased number of fires and other local disasters in our area recently, two of these vehicles had to be taken out of circulation because of major age related repairs. The Yawkey Foundations support will help make it possible to ensure the same high quality Red Cross local emergency response services are available when needed by the communities of Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard.”*

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of disasters locally by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster.

Contributions to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter at 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Tel. (508) 775-1540. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org)

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