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Red Cross Honors Koch Industries Employees With National Award

WICHITA, Kan. - 04/24/99 - The national organization of the American Red Cross recognized the exceptional leadership of Koch Industries employees today by awarding them the Certificate for Volunteer Fund Raising Excellence at the 1999 Partners In Progress Conference in Miami, Fla.

This national award was given to Koch employees for their spontaneous disaster relief fund raising efforts for the massive flooding that hit south central Kansas in November 1998. Koch employees immediately mobilized after the flooding and set a goal of raising \$50,000, and Koch Industries pledged to match the funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The combined total amounted to \$101,270 for Red Cross disaster relief efforts. Only four days transpired from the time the idea was conceived to the time the funds were presented to the Red Cross, which immediately put the money to use.

“We were overwhelmed by the generosity and unselfishness of Koch employees and Koch Industries for the wonderful support,” said Bill Hamelau, executive director of the American Red Cross Midway-Kansas Chapter. “Koch Industries and its employees have a strong history of compassion and caring. This is yet one more shining example.”

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“Koch employees came to work after the flood looking for a way to help those affected by the flood,” said Roger Ramseyer, Koch spokesman. “After contacting the American Red Cross, Koch employees felt the best way to help would be to offer financial support for shelter, food, and personal supplies for those affected by the flood. What was unique about this effort was the speed with which Koch employees spontaneously organized to help flood victims. To raise this amount of money in a matter of days is an example of a grassroots organization at its best.”

Kim Carraway, Koch Industries Community Outreach Director and Red Cross Board Member, accepted the prestigious award on behalf of Koch employees during the closing luncheon at the 1999 Red Cross Partners In Progress Conference in Miami, Fla.

The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

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