



## The American Red Cross Salutes its May, 2009 "Champion of the Month"

Chris and Nina Young, owners of Asheville's Office Environments, have a simple, yet sound business philosophy — offer unique, quality, comfortable and functional work surroundings at competitive prices and customers will become partners, employees will thrive and all parties will benefit.

The formula works. But there's one additional ingredient that the Young's have stirred into the mix that really sets their operation apart — a passionate and on-going commitment to make the communities they serve better places to live.

One of the causes Office Environments fervently supports is the American Red Cross in Western North Carolina. And that support goes far beyond the monetary donations the company, its owners and its associates make. It is demonstrated through volunteerism, sweat equity and, yes, literally giving of themselves.

For example:

- Chris and Nina served as volunteer chairs of the 2009 fundraising campaign "Heroes for the American Red Cross". In a difficult economy, the Youngs somehow motivated over 70 people throughout the Asheville area to raise some \$75,000 to benefit the local Red Cross operations, and in the process, became true "heroes" themselves.
- Office Environments held a chili cook-off at its headquarters to raise money for the Red Cross, adding fun and goodwill to its 55 associates' work day.



- On May 21, 2009, Office Environments will host a blood drive at its facilities with a goal of contributing 25 pints of blood to the Red Cross. The blood drives have become annual events at the company to benefit patients throughout Western North Carolina.



Office Environments' generosity and service to the community is not limited to its partnership with the Red Cross. The company and its employees regularly support other non-profits and other worthy causes. Its staff planted new shrubs and trees at the renovated offices of The United Way. The company has adopted a portion of Tunnel Road as its own and regularly picks up litter along the route. It participates in the annual "Day of Caring" improving the scenery and facilities at places like Haw Creek Elementary School.



At Office Environments, Chris and Nina Young and their associates have breathed life into the words "community service", making them more than just fillers on a mission statement.

The American Red Cross salutes and thanks Office Environments for all it does to make Western North Carolina a better place to live and for improving the quality of lives throughout the region.

Thank You, Office Environments! You are a true CHAMPION of the American Red Cross!!!



