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Challenge for the Red Cross

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The Red Cross is our nation's premier emergency response organization; preventing and relieving suffering have been goals since its inception by Clara Barton in 1891. After recent devastating natural disasters, we need to pump up the resources of our Red Cross.

To that end, HWS/Benesch employees Jamie Sueper, Luke Ahrens and Art Barton issue a challenge to all businesses in Story County, a GAAR Challenge for the Red Cross. GAAR is the acronym for the Great Ames Adventure Race. GAAR organizers (the Skunk River Paddlers, Friends of Central Iowa Biking, and Ames Area Running Club) donated \$500 to the Red Cross after the 2009 race. We would like to see this amount doubled in 2010.

The race itself is great fun for both participants and observers; the combining of running, biking, and paddling make it a real adventure. The race is the morning of Sept. 12, a Sunday, with the start and finish at Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

Registrations can be made as individuals or in team categories of relays or tandems. Each race registration will benefit our Lincoln Way Chapter of the American Red Cross, so talk with your fellow employees about GAAR, pump them up for this challenge, as their registrations will pump up our Red Cross. Event and registration details are available at www.greatames

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