

The proceeds from the 2005 IWCA convention auctions were designated to help the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. On Friday March 4th Jack Pitzer, IWCA Executive Director, presented the IWCA's check for \$12,031 to Nan Moring, Chief Public Support Officer. As the National Capital Area Chapter begins its 75th year and its 2005 Disaster Relief Fund Campaign Drive, the IWCA is proud to add its financial support to this vital Red Cross program. Every eight minutes around the clock the American Red Cross helps someone devastated by a disaster. The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund exists to provide immediate relief for victims of disaster.

The annual IWCA auctions have become much awaited and enjoyed events that have generated funds for numerous causes. The 2005 auctions were no exception and we particularly want to extend special thanks for some of the unique items that were donated this year. Giulio Guizzi of PULEX again donated window cleaner statues, designer fashion wear and exquisite Italian designed pens and pocket knives; Sorbo Samuelsson of Sorbo Products brought two of his original oil paintings; and Ettore's Diane Smahlik contributed a \$2,000 gift certificate to Best Buy. Our keynote speaker Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger autographed several DVD copies of the movie that chronicled his success at Notre Dame and we auctioned them.

Also, we must thank all of our contest sponsors who donated the products that were auctioned at the silent auction. A third of the funds raised this year came from the silent auction.