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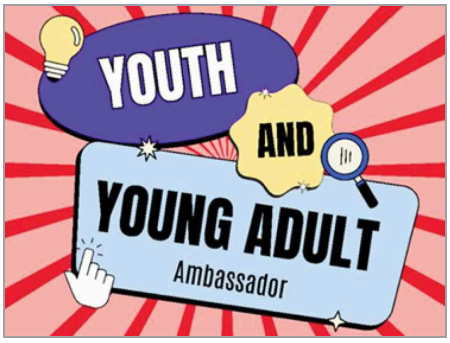
As we move into summer, we want to take a moment to recognize the incredible dedication of youth and young adult volunteers across the American Red Cross. This season marks an exciting time of transition for many in our community, especially those graduating from high school and college. Congratulations to all our graduates, we are so proud of everything you have accomplished and cannot wait to see the impact you continue to make in your next chapter.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who applied for **The National Youth Council** and the **Navin Narayan Scholarship** this year. We were inspired by the outstanding number of applications and by the passion, leadership, and service reflected in each submission. Our

team is currently reviewing applications and scholarship materials with great care.

The future of the Red Cross is bright because leaders like you, and we are excited to continue creating meaningful opportunities for youth involvement and leadership in the months ahead.

Youth and Young Adult Ambassador Program



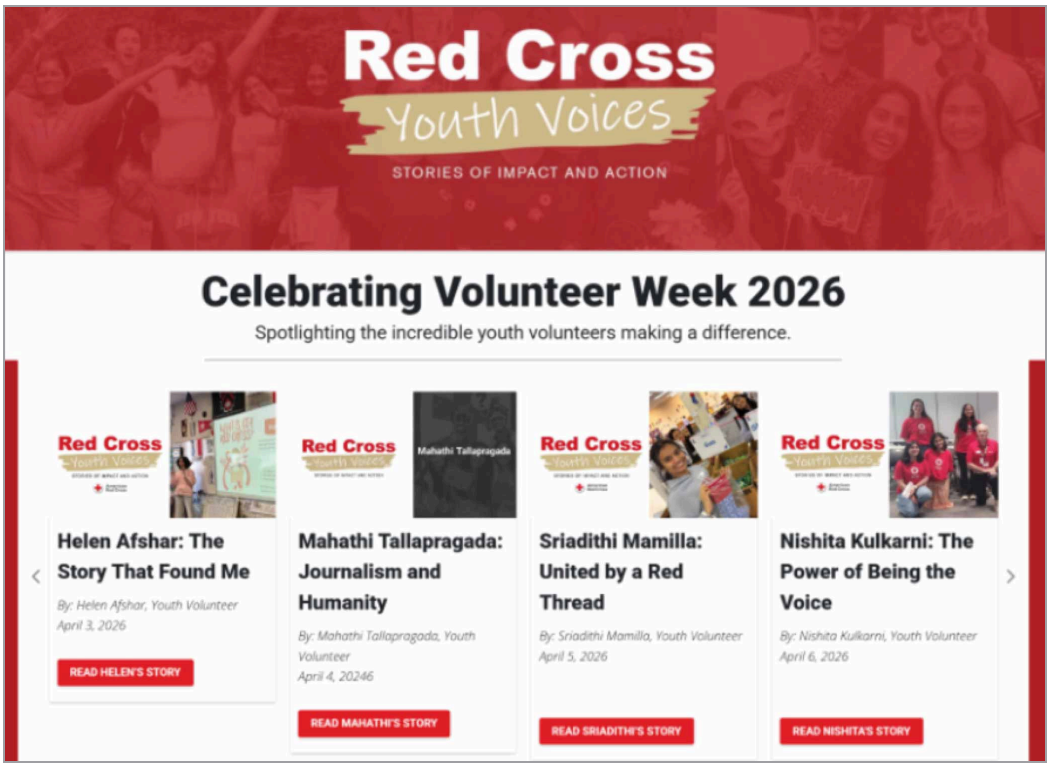
Interested in the incredible impact youth leaders are making across the country?

Join us on Wednesday, June 24 from 3:00–5:00 PM ET for the **Ambassador Program Symposium.**

Hear directly from youth and young adult ambassadors as they showcase inspiring projects— from creative youth engagement initiatives to International Humanitarian Law (IHL) conversations, preparedness education, and more.

Come celebrate their achievements, connect with fellow youth leaders, and get a firsthand look at what it means to be a Red Cross ambassador. You might even be inspired to apply for next year's cohort!

Bound by Red— Youth Storytelling



Throughout March, our youth volunteers from across the country shared powerful first-person narratives highlighting service, compassion, and what it means to be Bound by Red. These stories brought to life the fundamental principles of our mission and showcased the real impact youths are making in their communities every day.

We are grateful to everyone who submitted their experiences and helped amplify the voices of young leaders in action.

A selection of stories is now featured on **Red Cross Youth News**. Visit to read these inspiring accounts and see how Red Cross values are being lived out across the country.

Summer Opportunities



As summer begins, your schedule may change—but the need for volunteers doesn't! Even if your Red Cross Club is on pause, there are plenty of ways to stay involved.

Volunteer with your local chapter, support disaster response, join preparedness efforts, or plan ahead

for next school year. You can also build your skills through health and safety education.

Wherever summer takes you, you can keep making a difference. Find new ways to get involved with the American Red Cross **here**.

International Humanitarian Law Virtual Summit



Join us for a youth-led conversation exploring the role of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) within the Red Cross. Presenters from North America, Europe, Asia, and Africa will share insights on IHL and youth volunteerism, covering topics such as sexual and gender-based violence in conflict, environmental protections under IHL, journalism in armed conflict, and the importance of youth-centered approaches to IHL education.

Register here:

- **Friday, June 12** at 8:00 PM ET / 5:00 PM PT
- **Saturday, June 13** at 11:00 AM ET /8:00 AM PT

World Blood Donor Day



On June 14, join countries around the world in celebrating World Blood Donor Day by making the selfless choice to donate blood. Your generosity can help patients experience more summers, more tomorrows, and more of life's most meaningful moments. Because blood and blood products cannot be manufactured, there is no substitute for

volunteer donors, and every donation is crucial to maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply.

Celebrate by **scheduling a donation** today and expanding the circle of giving by inviting a friend to join you. When you come to give blood through June 1–28, you'll get a $15 Amazon.com Gift Card by email and automatically be entered for a chance to win one of two $7,500 gift cards.

Club Spotlight

SLAM Apollo Red Cross Club



The SLAM Apollo Red Cross Club — Based in Apollo Beach, Florida, this rapidly growing club has already made an incredible impact through creative fundraisers, service projects for military personnel, and community preparedness initiatives. Discover how SLAM Apollo is building a culture of service and empowering the next generation of humanitarians **here**.

BASIS Scottsdale Red Cross Club



BASIS Scottsdale Red Cross Club — Located in Scottsdale, Arizona, this outstanding club of nearly 50 members has made a remarkable impact through record-breaking blood drives, lifesaving health trainings, and service initiatives supporting veterans and local communities. Discover how BASIS Scottsdale is turning dedication into action and leading with service **here**.

Other Youth and Young Adult Stories

- **When 5-year-old Gianna began struggling in the water, lifeguard Ryan Schraufnagel acted immediately— using his Red Cross training to perform CPR and help save her life.** | American Red Cross of Wisconsin
- **Inspired by his family's legacy and his grandmother's battle with sickle cell disease, 18-year-old Grant has made blood**

donation a priority— already giving five times and encouraging others to do the same. | American Red Cross

- **Volunteering with the American Red Cross helped teen volunteer Gyan Park find his voice— growing into a confident leader while serving his military community in South Korea** |American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces

WHAT IS YOUTHWIRE?

Created by your National Youth Council, YouthWire is a monthly e-newsletter containing important Red Cross youth volunteer opportunities, stories and resources for youth, young adults and youth champions! We always want to highlight great stories and hear what awesome things are happening in your region!

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