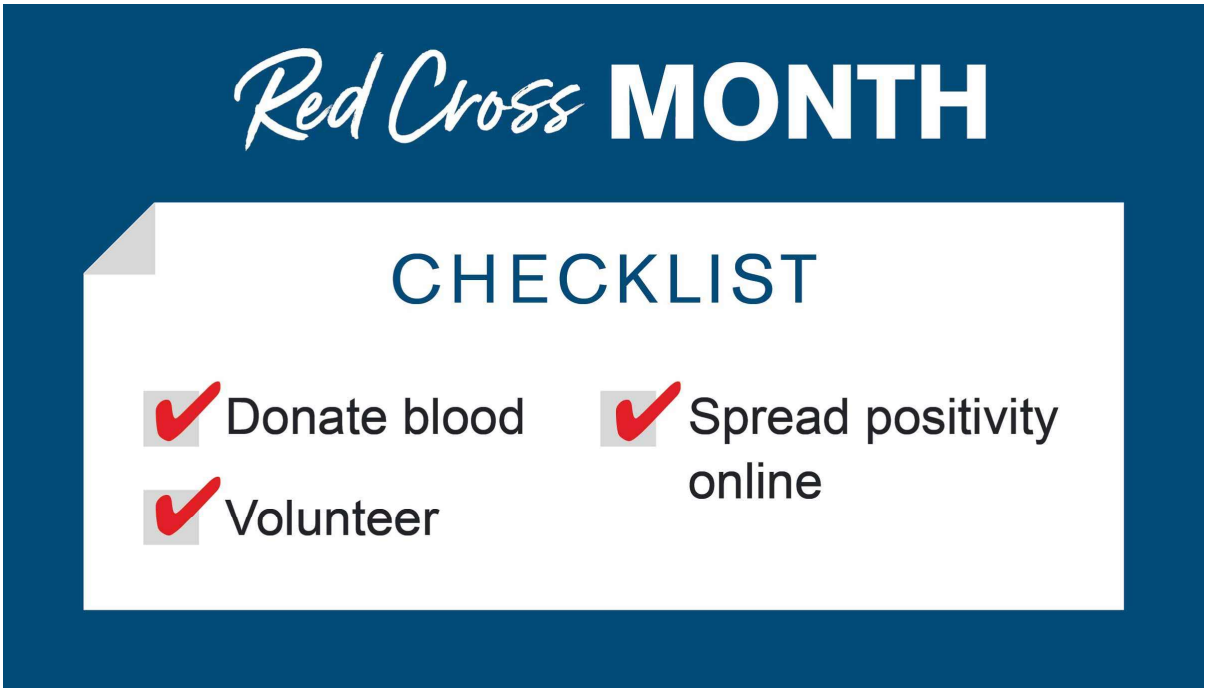
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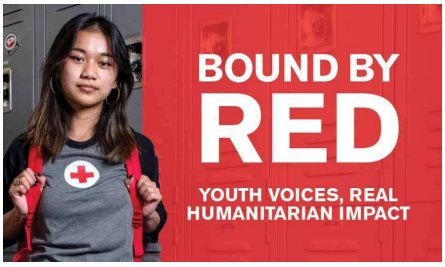
Latest from the National Youth Council

March is Red Cross Month, a time to celebrate the impact of the American Red Cross and the power of volunteers nationwide. Since 1943, this month has honored compassion in action — supporting disaster relief, blood

services, military families and preparedness efforts when communities need it most.

This year, the National Youth Council is highlighting ways youth can stay engaged through service, leadership and learning opportunities throughout the month. Whether volunteering locally, encouraging blood donation, learning lifesaving skills, or supporting preparedness initiatives, every action strengthens our humanitarian mission. Follow us on social media to find ways to get involved!

Youth Stories for Red Cross Month



In recognition of Red Cross Month (March), we invite youth and young adult volunteers to participate in Bound by Red, a spring storytelling campaign that brings local volunteer efforts to a national stage. The submission period is March 1 to March 31!

Participants are invited to submit a written narrative that highlights a humanitarian action in their community and connects the experience to Red Cross values. Along with your narrative, you may include photos you took during the experience you are describing (optional).

Selected submissions will be highlighted during National Volunteer Month in April. As a thank you, stories chosen for publication will receive a special Red Cross gift.

Submit your story by March 31!

Navin Narayan Scholarship



Are you a high school senior planning to attend a 4-year university in 2026–2027? The application for the Navin Narayan College Scholarship is now open through April 12, 2026!

This scholarship will be awarded to two high school seniors who embody the principles of Navin Narayan — a Rhodes Scholar, Harvard graduate, past Chair of the National Youth Council and high-achieving student. Navin exemplified passion, dedication and extraordinary character through years of service and passed away from cancer at the age of 23. Since 2001, the American Red Cross has honored his legacy by awarding this scholarship to students who strive to make a similar impact.

For more information on the application requirements and timeline, visit the **Navin Narayan Scholarship** website.

Stay tuned — National Youth Council Applications Coming Soon!



Looking to grow your impact within the Red Cross?

As the American Red Cross National Youth Council, we are a team of youth

and young adult leaders from across the country who work together to represent and support volunteers nationwide. Through collaboration with national and regional leadership, our goal is to strengthen youth engagement and expand opportunities for service and leadership. Serving on the Council is a unique opportunity to grow as a leader while helping shape the future of youth engagement in the Red Cross.

National Youth Involvement Month: Miles for Relief



The National Youth Council hosted our national fundraising competition to support disaster relief for the National Youth Involvement Month and surpassed our goal of $10,000 raised!

Thanks to this campaign and our fundraisers, the $14,545 raised can help the American Red Cross deliver 765 comfort kits, provide 72 days of food

and shelter for a family of four, and support 19 local disaster responses.

Congratulations to the individuals and clubs listed above!

Measles & Rubella Partnership: Protecting Children Worldwide



Founded in 2001, the Measles & Rubella Partnership (M&RP) works to ensure no child dies from measles or is born with disabilities from congenital rubella syndrome. The Partnership unites organizations — including the American Red Cross, Gates Foundation, Gavi, CDC, UNICEF, UN Foundation and WHO — to strengthen vaccination campaigns, disease surveillance, outbreak response and health systems worldwide.

Through these efforts, over 4 billion children in 88 countries have received lifesaving vaccines, preventing an estimated 58.7 million deaths.

Join our **Crash Course Call** on April 9 to learn how to support vaccination awareness and community health activities. Check out the **Vaccinate a Village Activity Guide** to learn how to raise funds to help support vaccination campaigns around the world.

Blood Donors Needed

Come to give blood with the Red Cross in March and get a $15 Amazon Gift Card by email. Plus, successful March donations get A1C testing (diabetes screen, 1 result/calendar year). Help save lives and empower your health this Red Cross Month! Book an appointment here.



Expand Your Knowledge

March gives us two special opportunities to celebrate women who have shaped history: **Women's History Month** and **International Women's Day** on March 8. Both remind us to honor trailblazers whose leadership, courage and compassion continue to inspire us today.



As the founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton played a pivotal role in U.S. history. Among many accomplishments, Clara had a love for teaching and established one of the first free public schools in New Jersey. She also provided nursing care and assisted wounded soldiers during the Civil War, reconnected missing soldiers with their families after the war and supported women's suffrage.

Clara Barton was more than just the founder of the American Red Cross. Her commitment to human rights makes her a standout figure in both Red Cross and American history. She was a humanitarian, a women's suffrage supporter, a teacher and a self-taught nurse, to name a few. Because of her,

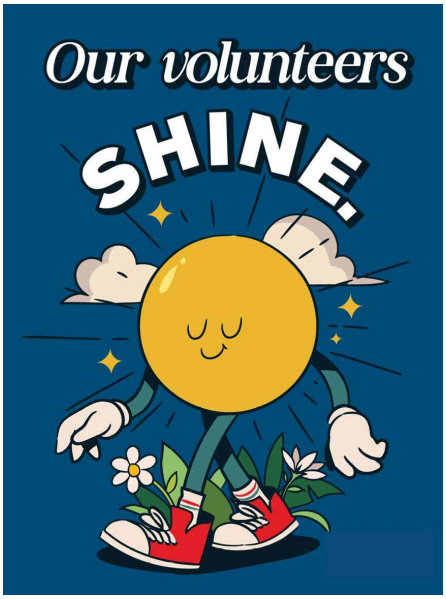
our humanitarian work has continued for more than a century.

Help carry on Clara's legacy during Women's History Month!

Volunteer Opportunities

Whether you're just starting your volunteer journey or taking the next step, opportunities exist at the local, regional and national levels.

Go to **Volunteer Connection** → "My Opportunities" and use the filters to search for the role that aligns with your passions, goals, and availability.

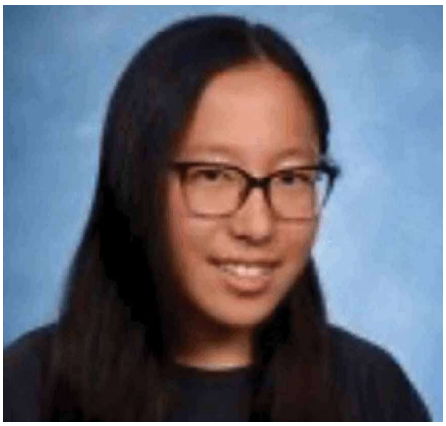


Volunteer Spotlight

Lana Nguyen — Northwest Region Youth Impact Project Volunteer. Lana supports remote projects like health and safety infographics and water safety awareness, showing how small acts of service can create real impact. Discover Lana's Red Cross impact **here**.



Sophia Lee — President of the Mira Loma High School Red Cross Club, Chair of the California Gold Country Youth Executive Board, and IHL YAC Youth Ambassador for the Pacific Division. From joining as a freshman to leading at multiple levels, Sophia is driven by meaningful service and a passion for making a difference through humanitarian action. Discover Sophia's Red Cross impact here.



Other Youth and Young Adult Stories

- From shy freshman to confident club president, Dana Kim is inspiring her peers through leadership and international humanitarian law education.
- When Simone Henderson witnessed challenges in her community, she was determined to be part of the solution.
- With her sights set on becoming a nurse, Maddie Frank is using her Red Cross volunteer experience to set herself up for success.

Share Youth Success Stories

We are gathering the great things happening with our youth and young adults across the country, and we need your help. No example is too big or too small. Click here to submit your success story!



Not sure what to share? Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- What makes your Red Cross Club successful?
- How does your region recognize young people's efforts?
- What makes a good onboarding experience for young people?

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!

Let us know what's new for you!
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