

CLUBS HELPING CLUBS



Congratulations on the success of your Red Cross Club!

Your Club is now established enough that you can help Clubs at other schools get started. All Red Cross volunteers, including Club members, share a common goal—to mobilize our collective power to alleviate human suffering in our communities. We all benefit when Clubs share resources, ideas, and best practices. This document provides insight and tips to help you work with other Red Cross Clubs in your community, which will help grow your network and create more service opportunities in your local region.

Before connecting with neighboring Red Cross Clubs, contact your local Red Cross Region for assistance. They will be able to guide you to newly founded Clubs or individuals looking to start a Club. Prior to sharing information directly with Clubs, please circle back with your local Red Cross Region for additional resources and guidance.

Here are a few things you can do to help other Clubs get started:

- 1. Ask your local Red Cross Region to inform you when a student or group is interested in starting a Red Cross Club. Determine the best way to keep communication open during this time.
- 2. **Reach out to the student or group interested in starting a Club.** Set up a phone call, video chat or in-person meeting to ask the student or group what goals they have as well as what assistance they may need.
- 3. Share your experiences, including getting approval by the school administration and local chapters, retaining Club members, brainstorming ideas for events, and more. Try creating a list of "10 Tips: Things to Know When Starting a Red Cross Club" that contains your Club's insight.
- 4. **Maintain contact with the Club during the first few months after establishing it.** Decide who will be the main point of contact for each Club, and make sure to share updates about the Club's progress at general body meetings.
- 5. After a few months, coordinate a joint <u>event or activity</u> with the Club. Try hosting a fundraiser for March is Red Cross Month, a preparedness Zombie Apocalypse party, a Raid Cross simulation, or even a Totes for Hopes event. Once the Club has a strong footing, you can host a friendly competition between Clubs. Don't forget to keep in touch! Being able to call on each other for support makes regional youth engagement stronger!

Thanks so much for helping other Clubs move the Red Cross mission forward!

We want to hear about your great events and activities! Send stories to <u>youthinvolvement@redcross.org</u> and you might be featured on our Instagram (<u>@americanredcrossyouth</u>), <u>redcrossyouth.org</u> or a future issue of <u>YouthWire</u>!

Contact your local Red Cross Region for more information.

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