YOUTHWIRE





INSPIRATION THROUGH SERVICE NOVEMBER 2022

Latest from Youth Leaders

Hey youth volunteers, hope everyone is having a great start as we kick off NYIM! Want to learn about a tool that would make communication and event planning easier? Check out our new global Youth and Young Adults Shift Tool on Volunteer Connection! It's an easily accessible tool that allows all young Red Cross volunteers to stay connected and updated about any upcoming events. Found under the My Shifts>Global>Youth and Young Adult Events tab on Volunteer Connection, it can serve as a great resource to use with your clubs and regions! Calling all youth and young adult champions! Advisor applications for the National Youth Council are open until Wednesday, November 30. The position is open to experienced field youth coordinators, Red Cross Unit Executives, and skilled Red Crossers in a specific line of service delivery, with a commitment to advance youth and young adult engagement. To learn more about the position expectations and application requirements, please visit this page. We encourage you to pass along this opportunity to other youth and young adult champions and reach out to current National Youth Council Advisors, Allie.Parker@redcross.org and Anna.Giang@redcross.org with questions.



National Youth Involvement Month

It is National Youth Involvement Month (NYIM)! With the variety of NYIM projects being hosted this year by the National Youth Council, make sure to participate in these events and encourage other volunteers to get involved! This year, the theme is *Inspiration through Service*, so the goal this month is for you to support the Red Cross' mission through activities related to the various Iines of service. The NYIM leaderboard will be a great opportunity to showcase the involvement and success that you or your club is having this month.

The National Youth Council will be hosting various events in celebration of NYIM. Please see below:

- NYIM began Nov. 1
- Work with the Council to identify less visible communities during our MapSwipe event on Nov. 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. ET: <u>RSVP here</u>
- Get involved with our interactive Emergency Preparedness Event on Nov. 19 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. ET: RSVP here
- Celebrate all the youth volunteers who participated at our NYIM Celebration with guest speaker, Shivum Kapoor, National Youth Council Chair, on Nov. 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. ET: RSVP here



Ryanne Li, the president of Newbury Park High School Red Cross Club, is involved with several Red Cross projects in her community in the Central California Region This past year in Newbury Park High School's Red Cross Club, Ryanne has collaborated with so many driven, responsible and passionate leaders who are inspired by the Red Cross' mission and strive to be a part of it within their own community. She was able to serve on the board where she and her club organized Ride for the Red, hands-on CPR demonstrations, care packages for those affected by California home fires, and holiday cards for active military members, veterans and their families. As the president, her role was to encourage the team and organize several activities throughout the year while engaging in developing problem-solving skills. Thank you so much for your work, Ryanne! We can't wait to see how else you will make a difference.

November Monthly Focus: Veterans and Military Family Month



We are excited to highlight National Veterans and Military Family Month this November! This month serves as a reminder of the service that veterans provide. During this month, we hope to honor and celebrate the veterans and their

Outstanding volunteers and Red Cross Clubs will be spotlighted on various levels on our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. For you or your club to be spotlighted, you will be able to fill out a series of questions and log your involvement on Volunteer Connection after the registration step. The National Youth Council will spotlight the most outstanding and involved individuals and clubs that demonstrate the spirit of this year's theme, *Inspiration through Service*.

To see more about National Youth Involvement Month and learn how you can participate, check out our page <u>online</u>. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at YouthInvolvement@redcross.org.

Expand Your Knowledge



With National American Indian Heritage Month, explore the history, culture, and traditions of America's indigenous peoples. We encourage you to watch the EDGE recording of **Cultural Competency Series: See Us! Native Americans in Search of Inclusion** to learn more and seek ways to support DEI. You can also check out this website to explore

the rich history and cultural gallery. We also have a new DEI course on EDGE that's available for volunteers called **Being an Inclusive Team Member**. Check this course out to better understand the part you can play in your daily Red Cross role.

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 are always looking to highlight great stories and want to hear what awesome things are happening in your region!

Let us know what's new for you!

Questions about youth volunteering with the American Red Cross? Email **YouthInvolvement@redcross.org**

Get Social and Share!

Follow our Facebook and new Instagram page for updates, events and reminders!

Facebook: @AmericanRedCrossYouthNetwork

Instagram: @americanredcrossyouth

Share this newsletter with your peers and friends or have them email YouthInvolvement@redcross.org to subscribe to our newsletter.

Log Your Hours on Volunteer Connection!

The time you spend volunteering is critical to the American Red Cross. It is important that volunteer hours are submitted through Volunteer Connection so that they can be tracked as part of the overall mission.

Help us tell the story of the incredible impact of youth & young adults have by logging your hours today! Use this helpful <u>tip sheet</u> to walk through how to submit your volunteer hours on <u>Volunteer Connection!</u>

families by spreading awareness and becoming involved with supporting the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces mission. Engage with some of these great resources to learn more:

- Take part in this mission education series: ISD and SAF Mission Education Series: Military and Veterans Hospital Programs
- Engage with the Cultural Competency Series on EDGE: From Military Life to the Civilian Experience: Common Challenges Veterans and Military Families Face in the Transition
- Join the upcoming Cultural Competency Series event
 <u>Military 101: Working with</u>
 <u>Veterans in the Red Cross</u> on
 Friday, November 18 at 3:00
 p.m. ET
- Check out this activity guide for <u>Birthday Party for Veterans</u> to put together a great event for local veterans in your area!

November Fundraising Highlights



of the United States and storms are still creating activity across the Atlantic, we need the support of our volunteers and the American public. To make a donation specifically for Hurricane Ian relief, text IAN to 90999 to make a \$10 gift. Read about the contributions of the Red Cross during these difficult times and check out ways for you to stay safe and get involved on this page. You can fundraise or donate directly to help disaster victims. To learn more about getting involved, check out this How to Get **Involved With Disaster Preparedness** Guide and this drive. Don't forget to use the How To for building a survival kit linked

For simple and effective awareness ideas that get the community involved, check out Prepare and Share Kit Drive, where







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essential preparedness items are collected and donated, and <u>Disaster Speaks</u>, where the community is educated about the impacts of disaster and a voice is given to those who have stories!