Looking to expand your impact, connect with volunteers across the country, and gain professional development opportunities? **Apply to the National Youth Council.** The National Youth Council is a group of thirteen youth and young adult members and two adult advisors who nationally represent and serve the youth and young adult volunteers of the American Red Cross. Drawing upon the creativity, dedication, and energy of youth, the National Youth Council seeks to promote young volunteers as an organizational resource.

Applications are open from now until **Friday, May 12 at 11:59 p.m. ET.** Find more information on the Council and the application [here](mailto:YouthInvolvement@redcross.org) with any questions and keep an eye out for @americanredcrosyouth on Instagram for further opportunities to learn about the Council.

We will be introducing **Council Coffee Chats** this year, where you can schedule a time to meet 1-on-1 with current members about their roles and the application process! [Sign up](mailto:YouthInvolvement@redcross.org) for times between 4/9 and 4/29.

We hope you consider applying!

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**April is National Volunteer Month**

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**Young Adult Spotlight:**

**Pranav Singaraju**

Pranav Singaraju has created the Youth IT Team as a member of the North Texas Youth Executive Services Board.
Officially created in 1991 by President George H. W. Bush, April is National Volunteer Month! Nationally, the Red Cross has more than 275,000 volunteers, which is over 90 percent of the total Red Cross workforce. During this month, the Red Cross recognizes the importance of volunteering and honoring the significant contributions of volunteers.

Volunteers dedicate their time in various lines of service, allowing the Red Cross to be able to respond to an average of more than 60,000 disasters every year, train more than 4.6 million people in Red Cross lifesaving skills, help provide more than 540,000 services to military members and their families, and to reconnect more than 4,000 families separated by war or disaster around the world.

Thank you to all our youth volunteers for your time and dedication towards the Red Cross mission, and we hope you continue to stay engaged and make a difference!

Pranav became involved in the North Texas Region in early 2020. Initially, he served by applying his technical skills and knowledge to his position as an Excel spreadsheet manager, organizing, merging and categorizing data reports. He became interested in Microsoft Power BI and developed numerous reports that are currently hosted on his region's operations summary board. He later joined the North Texas Youth Executive Services Board (YSEB) and proposed the addition of a technical branch, which resulted in the creation of the youth IT team.

As a team, they have addressed countless registration issues, extracted several data reports for disaster response, recorded a "how-to-register" video, created a youth IT service desk, pioneered a youth engagement Microsoft Power BI dashboard to promote involvement, and developed a regional Red Cross Club map.

Thank you so much for your work, Pranav! We can't wait to see how else you will make a difference.

DEI Spotlight!
The Month of the Military Child is in April. It is a month to highlight the role of military children in the armed forces community, as they make daily and overcome challenges to contribute to the service. Learn supporting military children and visit this page to become a the cause. Also, check out the Military Cultural Competency understand support structures for military families. Cultural Competency Series: From Military Life to the Civilian Experience: Common Challenges Veterans and Military Families Face in the Transition is a great one to check out!

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!

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.

April Monthly Focus: Allyship in Action

Join us as we kick off our month-long Allyship in Action series that started April 3! We will be focusing on the four pillars of allyship: ask, listen, speak up, show up. The events will be hosted throughout the month by each of our team member resource groups and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Registration links will be added as they are created on The Exchange landing page, so be sure to check it out!

April Fundraising Highlights: Measles and Rubella Partnership
Help us tell the story of the incredible impact youth & young adults have by logging your hours and by filling out the spotlight form today. Use this helpful tip sheet to walk through how to submit your volunteer hours on Volunteer Connection. We also have this great new video to aid you in the process of logging your hours on the desktop version and mobile app version of Volunteer Connection.

In honor of World Immunization Week (April 24-30), you can learn about our Measles and Rubella Partnership. With this Partnership, the goal is to vaccinate children around the world to aim to eradicate the disease.

Learn more about the efforts here.

How you can get involved:

- Donations: Text PREVENT to 90999 to give $10 to help the Red Cross vaccinate against Measles. With $10, the lives of 10 children can be saved.
- Raise awareness about Measles and Rubella, highlighting the statistics and contagious nature.
- Conduct a Vaccinate-a-Village fundraiser to educate your community about Measles and Rubella.
- The National Youth Council is conducting an awareness campaign from April through June. Check out
@americanredcrossyouth on Instagram for upcoming posts and potential events.

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