Latest from Youth Leaders

We are still accepting applications for the Navin Narayan Scholarship until this Friday, March 10, 2023!

Navin Narayan was a high achieving student as well as a dedicated, compassionate and innovative American Red Cross volunteer who tragically succumbed to cancer. For the past 21 years, the National Youth Council has continued Navin Narayan’s legacy of volunteerism and academic excellence by awarding the Navin Narayan Scholarship to a high school senior who embodies his principles. This scholarship is a one-time award of $1,000 paid directly to one recipient upon proof of matriculation. Visit this page to learn more about the scholarship and the eligibility requirements.

This March, also check out the Sound the Alarm event schedule to see if your region is holding events this month and where you can join an event near you! Whether you volunteer with the home fire campaign in your region, become involved in Prepare with Pedro, or engage your community, you can make a difference!

March is Red Cross Month

Young Adult Spotlight: UC Irvine Red Cross Club

The UCI Club at their Fall Bonfire social

The American Red Cross Club at UCI (RCC at UCI) strives to help improve the lives of those living in Southern California
March is all about the Red Cross as we celebrate Red Cross Month! The Red Cross is part of the world’s largest humanitarian network and aims to provide various lines of service, including disaster services, blood services, and support to military families. Originally created in 1943, Red Cross Month is a time where we aim to encourage action to impact many lives. This March, we want to honor youth like you who are compassionate and make the Red Cross mission possible.

We hope you, as youth volunteers, support the mission by volunteering, giving blood, learning lifesaving skills or making donations. You can encourage those around you to become active and support efforts as well. Visit this page to learn about the variety of opportunities and join us today!

Look out for exciting opportunities and information from the National Youth Council! We will be having various volunteers or clubs do a weekly takeover series on the Red Cross Instagram. There will also be fun trivia questions and interactive stories you can tune into!

Expand Your Knowledge

and around the world. One of the ways that their members contribute to the community is through the variety of weekend service events that they offer each quarter. Fundraising is also an integral part of the club, and students can usually find them on Ring Road most Tuesdays and Thursdays selling KBBQ tacos and club merch. Their goals for the year include maintaining consistency of members throughout each quarter and collaborating more with their local American Red Cross Chapter to host and attend affiliated events!

Thank you so much for your work, UCI Red Cross Club! We can’t wait to see how else you will make a difference.

March Monthly Focus: National Women’s History Month
Global Recycling Day is March 18th! Join the Red Cross’s increasing efforts towards environmental sustainability by making environmentally friendly changes in your lives. Check out the Red Cross environmental report. Taking simple swaps is a great idea!

- Bring a reusable water or coffee cup
- Explore alternative reusable sanitary item options
- Buy fewer items that come with extra packaging
- Use reusable grocery bags
- Use reusable straws
- Get creative with bin liners instead of using plastic bags
- Organize a cleanup outdoors
- Host a workshop about environmental sustainability

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

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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!

In honor of National Women’s History Month this March, you can take time to learn about the history. This month celebrates women’s achievements throughout history and the roles they have played in society. Engaging in the Cultural Competency Series: The Resilience of Women and the Power that Comes from It can offer you insights regarding the impact of women in the context of the Red Cross. Check out this page to learn more! Also, check out this video highlighting women leaders and their impact in the Red Cross!

March Fundraising Highlights: Giving Day
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 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!

The Red Cross Giving Day on March 22nd is a special effort to support people and families experiencing crises. Show your involvement this month by engaging in Giving Day to help provide relief items, emotional assistance, shelter and food to make a difference for those in need. This year the goal is to bring together 30,000 supporters!

- Initiate a charity livestream fundraising campaign on Tiltify!
- Make a financial donation at this page
- Raise awareness about Red Cross Giving Day and encourage family and friends to get involved #HelpCanWait

Learn more about Giving Day here.