

# YOUTHWIRE

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Youth Engagement

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## Latest from Youth Leaders

We are approaching National Youth Involvement Month (NYIM)! NYIM offers an opportunity for you to promote participation and leadership among volunteers and celebrate your Red Cross Club's accomplishments. Every year we encourage projects and ideas surrounding a central theme. This year, our NYIM theme is *Inspiration through Service*. National Youth Involvement Month is a time to celebrate the great work that our youth and young adult volunteers do to support the Red Cross. The goal this November is for you to explore the [Red Cross' mission](#) through activities related to the various [lines of service](#). There will also be a NYIM leaderboard this year as well as various NYIM projects including Missing Maps, etc, hosted by the National Youth Council!

To see more about National Youth Involvement Month and learn how you can participate, check out our page on [RedCrossYouth.org](https://www.redcross.org/youth).

Outstanding individual volunteers and Red Cross Clubs will be spotlighted, and their projects will be shared on various levels on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to us at [YouthInvolvement@redcross.org](mailto:YouthInvolvement@redcross.org).

## Youth Spotlight:

### Rebecca Stephenson



Rebecca is a senior at Inglesmoor High School and is a part of the American Red Cross Northwest Region. She began volunteering with the American Red Cross in her sophomore year of high school. She initially wanted to gain experience with Biomedical Services but found herself drawn to other lines of service. She became deeply interested in disaster preparedness, especially

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## Fire Awareness and Prevention

National Fire Prevention Week is the second week of October. Creating our own preparedness plans as well as spreading awareness on the importance of safety plans is important. There are many fire prevention initiatives for you to participate in and promote, including the [Home Fire Campaign](#). Learn more about [Sound the Alarm](#) and encourage the community to donate. Also check out and share the [Free Tools and Resources](#) for home fire preparedness and recovery.

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because she lives in a disaster-prone area with increased risk of earthquakes and wildfires.

As Rebecca became her high school's Club President, she focused on expanding their projects to other lines of service. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for the Vaccinate a Village fundraiser, and it was amazing to see how excited her Club and community members were.

She also became a Field Ambassador for her region, working closely with the region to host a CPR/First Aid Virtual Training. As a Red Cross youth leader, one of her significant accomplishments is creating a youth council for the Northwest Region, which had previously not had one. The new regional council has seen increased youth involvement and has helped Clubs connect well.

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

**October Monthly Focus: National  
Global Diversity Awareness Month**

As it is National LGBT History Month, we encourage you to explore the [Social Injustice Compounded- Racial Minorities in the LGBTQ+ Community](#) and [A Decade After the Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell](#), as these recordings from our Cultural Competency Series highlight the history and intersections of this community.



## 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](mailto:YouthInvolvement@redcross.org)

## Get Social and Share!

Share this newsletter with your peers and friends or have them email [YouthInvolvement@redcross.org](mailto: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 youth & young adults have by logging your hours 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.



As we promote community diversity, equity and inclusion at all levels of the Red Cross, we are excited to highlight National Global Diversity Awareness Month. It is a reminder of how a diverse culture of people positively impacts our society. Check out the [DEI Toolkit](#) for youth to learn more about how you can support this mission. Some great ways to celebrate this month:

- Connect with people. Encourage interactive icebreakers within your Club and among volunteers.
- Learn about various cultures. We have a [Cultural Competency Series](#) and [Allyship in Action Trainings](#) that can be found on [EDGE](#) and you can encourage your Club members to participate.

We are excited to see all the ways you become involved in celebrating this month!

## October Fundraising Highlights: Disaster Relief

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Disaster relief fundraisers are crucial, especially as various parts of the country, including Alaska, Florida, and Puerto Rico, are currently experiencing large-scale disasters. Read about how the Red Cross is helping and view safety tips [here](#). You can fundraise or donate directly to help disaster victims. To learn more about how you can support disaster relief, check out this [page](#). There are also some great activity guides for you to check out!

For simple and effective fundraising ideas that get the community involved, check out [Change for Change](#) and [Helping Hands](#)!

To learn more about getting involved, check out this [How to Get Involved With Disaster Preparedness Guide](#) and this [drive](#).

Looking for virtual opportunities? The [Fire Safety Canvassing](#) or the [Zombie Apocalypse Party](#) are great ideas!

Don't forget to use the How To for building a survival kit linked [here](#).

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**Commented [SB7]:** None of these are fundraising activity guides. I would recommend that we include a list of ways that people can raise money (Change for Change might be a good and simple one). And then you can still have a note about how we should also be prepared for disasters and include Prepare and Share and Zombie Apocalypse. Maybe also a link to building a preparedness kit from RCO?



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