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Thank you for being a Volunteer

In honor of National Volunteer Week, which is April 12-18, the National Youth Council would like to thank you all for everything that you do as volunteers. You embody our mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies. You volunteer at blood drives, support our Veterans' Hospitals and raise money for your local chapter. You comprise 20% of Red Cross volunteers, and we are grateful for all your valued time and work you do for this organization. Thank you!

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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Fundamental Principles

Have the Red Cross Fundamental Principles ever helped you solve a problem while volunteering with the Red Cross? If so, we want to hear from you. In 2015, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Fundamental Principles, we are looking for 50 ethical dilemmas that show how our principles help Red Cross volunteers make good decisions. Share your stories on the **HELP community**, an online platform for youth to share activities, ask questions and discuss youth initiatives with humanitarians around the world. **Learn More.**



Apply to the National Youth Council

The National Youth Council is looking for youth volunteers between the ages of 16 and 24 to represent Red Cross youth at the national level. If you've had at least two years experience with the Red Cross and are passionate about the organization, you are eligible to apply. Consider applying for



this two-year commitment that not only provides extraordinary leadership experience, but also allows you to enhance youth involvement in the organization. Applications are due May 14. [Apply now.](#)

#GiveWhatFireTakes

Fire takes something every day. It takes security. It takes the household items we all need to live. To support home fire survivors across the country, join our social media campaign called #GiveWhatFireTakes, in conjunction with the [Home Fire Campaign](#). This campaign promotes and raises awareness about the relief and the tangible items the Red Cross provides after a fire, whether it's a shelter, casework and financial assistance; clothing, or even just a blanket.

[Learn More.](#)



Club Highlight – Michigan State University Red Cross Club

Michigan State University's Red Cross Club is having an amazing year. They won their Blood Battle against Penn State University by collecting 1,363 pints of blood. Their 250 active Club members have been leading Scrubby Bear presentations and hosted a Holiday Mail for Heroes event. Their next project will be making Disaster Relief Kits. Keep up the fantastic work! [Learn more.](#)

Red Cross News

- [Everyday Heroes Recognized During Red Cross Month](#)
- [Participate in Global Youth Service Day](#)

- [Japan Earthquake: 4 Years On, and Old School Finds New Hope](#)
- [Got Preparedness?](#)
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