Latest from Youth Leaders

We’re back with another edition of YouthWire! October has gone by quickly, making way for lots more activity in November. This month is a great time to take a moment to pause and reflect on the things we are thankful for and appreciate the incredible opportunity we have to help others as part of the American Red Cross. We are thankful for everything you do and all the amazing youth and young adult volunteers across the organization!

Have you and your Red Cross Club taken the Youth Diversity Pledge yet? We would love to see photos of you with your pledge and hear about your experiences participating in this event! Share your stories with us by emailing YouthInvolvement@redcross.org.

We also have an exciting new feature that you and your fellow youth volunteers can use. Pathways is an interactive tool that lets your Red Cross journeys come to life! At your next club meeting, have all your members complete their Pathways and share their Red Cross stories with each other. Post them on your Instagram and tag us at @americanredcrossyouth for a chance to see your Pathway highlighted!

Let’s Save Lives!

The need for blood donation is constant. Yet, it is especially challenging to meet the demand during the holiday season due to a reduced number of blood drives and donors. During this month of giving, we encourage you to learn more about Biomedical Services, whether it be through donating blood or volunteering at a blood drive or donor center.

Youth Volunteer Spotlight: Meet Josie

“Focused, connected, and committed” are a few of the words used to describe Josie by her fellow volunteers!

Josie is a senior at Fargo North High School in the Dakotas Region, where she strives to improve volunteer engagement and develops resources to support every line of service. As the summer Volunteer Services Intern, she developed tools which are utilized by teams in other regions! Josie also works to make sure volunteers are recognized for their hard work by helping to plan and organize her region’s Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
You can even have your own blood drive at your school. While the logistics might seem daunting, we have many resources to help you host a blood drive. In preparation for December, get ready for the Leaders Save Lives program - a chance for the blood drives you host to help you win an Amazon gift card and a scholarship. Learn more here to get ready for these mid-winter blood drives!

If you are not able to host a blood drive in your region, you can help raise awareness with these ideas. Tweets to Thank is a social media campaign where you can put your Twitter techniques to the test and Iron Rich Feast is a great activity for your club during Thanksgiving or anytime you want to educate others on blood donations.

Expand Your Knowledge

Continuing in the leadership development series, learn about careful time management and how to stay organized in the Make the Time You Need: Get Organized course on EDGE. After you finish the course, let us know what you think by sharing your favorite tip!

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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Josie is perpetually excited to learn more about Red Cross services. She is now looking forward to getting involved with Disaster Cycle Services and working on a local Disaster Action Team as soon as she turns 18!

After high school graduation, Josie plans to continue her Red Cross work while studying electrical engineering at North Dakota State University.

Read Josie’s full story here!

November | National Youth Involvement Month

November is National Youth Involvement Month! This month is centered on all the amazing things you are doing in collaboration with the Red Cross. From fundraisers to International Humanitarian Law: Youth Action Campaigns, youth all over the nation are making an impact.

To participate in Race of the Regions, register using this link, then plan and run at least one Red Cross event. Afterwards, submit pictures of your hard work to our social media platforms (links on the left). Don’t forget to tag #RaceoftheRegions and #NYIM – we’d love to see how you’re making a difference and want to share that with others!