Latest from Youth Leaders

Welcome back to another issue of our youth e-newsletter. Not only is March the beginning of Spring, but it is also Red Cross Month! As we kick off this exciting time of the year, we encourage you to **nominate outstanding youth and young adult volunteers** to be featured in our Youth Spotlight!

We want to send a big **THANK YOU** to all of our youth and young adult volunteers, and their champions, for your amazing service throughout your regions. We appreciate you and are excited to see what you do this month!

As shared last month, the Navin Narayan College Scholarship is now open! A dedicated Red Cross youth volunteer himself, [Navin Narayan](#) was a high achieving Harvard graduate and a former National Youth Council Chair, who tragically succumbed to cancer. To honor his youth impact, we have continued his legacy by awarding this scholarship to a high school senior who embodies these same principles. Learn more and [apply here](#) by April 1.

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**March is Red Cross Month**

March was first proclaimed Red Cross Month in 1943 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to raise awareness about the organization and its humanitarian mission. Since then, every U.S. president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the American Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world with our workforce powered by 90% volunteers.

If you are looking for ways to celebrate March is Red Cross Month, think about volunteering at a local blood donation center or organizing a [SleevesUp campaign](#). Explore other programs [here](#) and contact your region today.

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**Youth Spotlight:**

**Isabelle Shakespeare**

“Passionate, Altruistic, Hardworking”

Isabelle (pictured above right) is a student at Algonquin High School, where she is the Club President and Team Leader for her school's International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Youth Action Campaign. She consistently takes the initiative to ensure the success of her club’s events and works closely with her region on activities to meet local needs.

The club has accumulated over 220 hours since Fall 2019! Thus far, they have raised over $250 for Red Cross, recently hosted a clothing drive for SAF, and are charging ahead with IHL Youth Action Campaign events.
“During Red Cross Month, we honor the volunteer heroes who help families overcome life’s emergencies every day,” shares Gail McGovern, President and CEO of the American Red Cross. “These champions are our neighbors—ordinary people who make an extraordinary difference to ease the suffering of others...We ask you to consider joining these heroes to answer the call for service in your community.”

Isabelle works to bring awareness to the Red Cross mission with her ideas. She has over 55 hours from the past semester alone – making her the youth volunteer with the most hours in Massachusetts this past semester.

Thank you, Isabelle – we can’t wait to see what you and your club will do next!

Giving Day is March 25th!

Expand Your Knowledge

Did you know that Volunteer Connection has a mobile app? Download it from the App Store or Google Play to easily update your profile, register for shifts, view groups and more. It is especially helpful for logging your volunteer hours - you can submit hours on the go in the palm of your hand!

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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Every 8 minutes, the Red Cross helps a family that has lost everything in a home fire, and Giving Day is the perfect way to participate.

All donations will be used to provide food, shelter and other crucial items that families need most. Although Giving Day is on March 25, donations can be made online at any time. Gather some volunteers to promote this amazing event in person and online!