Latest from Youth Leaders

Much of the National Youth Council’s (NYC) work is made possible only with the support of our advisors. Not only do they provide guidance and valuable insights, but they also facilitate leadership building for all NYC members.

This month, we are excited to announce that applications to become an Advisor are now open. We are looking for a Red Cross volunteer or employee with experience in leading and mentoring youth who is able to serve a two-year volunteer role (2021-2023). Advisors can expect to have 8-10 hours of Council-related work each week, with most calls taking place outside of business hours. Other responsibilities include collaborating with our National Headquarters Liaison, the Chair, and the Vice-Chair on youth and young adult strategy in supporting overall youth and young adult activities.

If you know anyone who could be a perfect fit for an NYC Advisor, please direct them to this page, which include an in-depth position description, application instructions, and all application materials. The deadline to submit a completed application (cover letter, application form, resume, two recommendation letters) is Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Volunteer Spotlight: Edmund Tang

Edmund Tang’s Red Cross journey began seven years ago when he joined the Walnut HS Red Cross Club. His experiences as a local and regional leader inspired him to continue volunteering in college and support youth as a Red Cross Club Coordinator.

Edmund also became heavily involved with Disaster Cycle Services. His role as a Disaster Action team Coordinator recently brought him to the front lines of the CZU Lightning Complex fires.

Initially, Edmund’s duties were to monitor the fire, prepare for a response, and talk to local fire department and county representatives. However, as the situation worsened, Edmund soon found himself working with volunteers from across the nation to set up shelters and organize evacuation efforts. Despite the stress, “seeing how much the Red Cross impacted the local community” kept him going.

Edmund encourages youth to explore Red Cross opportunities. “You never know where your

Volunteering in a Virtual Landscape

Without a doubt, youth and young adult volunteers are an integral part of the American Red Cross. For 103 years and counting, young people have shaped the Red Cross’ volunteer landscape and supported its mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering. Even now, we continue to host blood drives, organize socially distanced or online Red Cross events, fundraise for Red Cross initiatives, and more. This year, the National Youth Council has a new way to highlight your outstanding contributions – the #VFH (Volunteering from Home) photo collection campaign.

How can you participate? First, take a photo of yourself or your fellow Red Cross Club members doing any Red Cross related work. Logging hours on Volunteer Connection, having a virtual club meeting, planning an event – the possibilities are endless. Afterwards, post your picture onto the American Red Cross Youth Network Facebook
group or tag us on Instagram @americanredcrossyouth using the hashtag #VFH. You can also email your pictures to Evan Edler, the Social Engagement Lead on the National Youth Council. We will be compiling your submissions in a collage that will be shared on both of our social media channels.

If you’re unsure of what events you can organize, the National Youth Council has created many Activity Guides that you can check out. For example, consider hosting a Virtual Zombie Apocalypse Party, which utilizes an impending ‘zombie apocalypse’ to help educate your fellow red Crossers and community about how to prepare for disasters. You can also review the Virtual Club in a Computer Toolkit with ideas and virtual activities for your Red Cross Club.

Want to learn more or have additional questions? We are also hosting a Crash Course Call on November 8 from 7:30-8:00 p.m. EST that will give you more tips on virtual volunteering. With that being said, we look forward to seeing you #VFH!

Expand Your Knowledge

American Red Cross youth and young adults play an integral role in sharing the message of the Red Cross and their impact on the mission. Take the Social Basics course to get an overview of the American Red Cross social engagement philosophy and learn some practical tips on how you can be a Red Crosser in the digital space. Every Red Crosser has his or her own expertise and experience. We want to encourage people to share that in the social space on behalf of the organization. Register for this course by clicking EDGE on the home page of your Volunteer Connection account and searching for Social Basics.

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!

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