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Latest from Youth Leaders



It's National Youth Involvement Month! We hope everyone is having a great start as we kick off the month. Want to learn about an amazing volunteer opportunity? Tune in to the Red Cross Red Crescent (RCRC) Youth Climate Summit with the National Youth Council's very own Climate and Sustainability Lead, Roma Arora.

Following the success of last year's RCRC Climate Youth Summit, we are excited to announce the third edition of the Summit on **November 16**, and we want you to be a part of it. This summit is about connecting with young

Young Adult Spotlight: Caleb Alarcon



Caleb Alarcon, a sophomore from Aiea High School

Aloha! Caleb's journey with the Red Cross started when he was 7 years old, attending and helping at Red Cross events with his family. He then became an official volunteer when he was 13. He is now serving in his second year as the Hawaii Chapter Red Cross Club President after serving as the Treasurer.

changemakers from around the world, with this year's theme being **“Globally Inspired, Locally Empowered: Youth for Climate Action.”** Get ready to discuss, connect, learn, and inspire!

If you are interested in participating, visit [here](#) to secure your spot at the “RCRC & Youth Summit 2023!”

National Youth Involvement Month



NYIM is one of the Red Cross National Youth Council's most exciting annual initiatives aimed at celebrating the accomplishments of youth and young adult volunteers. 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 Youth: Heroes in Action. 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

Caleb helps install free smoke alarms and educates residents about fire safety. Caleb is also a FEMA Region IX Youth Council member, a certified Pillowcase Project assistant presenter, a Prepare with Pedro assistant presenter, a Hands-Only CPR assistant trainer, and has delivered Hands-Only CPR training to multiple schools and community organizations.

Caleb participated in Missing Maps and Be Red Cross Ready events and collected toiletries and canned goods for military members and veterans. Caleb also collected recyclable cans and bottles for over 7 months to donate a total of \$176.04 to the American Red Cross of Hawaii.

Volunteering has taught Caleb valuable and memorable life lessons and allowed him to support causes he cares about. Caleb hopes to inspire his peers to volunteer and experience the joy of helping and making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Do you know of a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to make a memorable impact in their community? The Youth Spotlight is a fantastic opportunity for you to nominate outstanding volunteers. These spotlighted volunteers will receive national recognition for their hard work! Nominate a youth volunteer who you think deserves this opportunity [here](#).

to the various [lines of service](#). Interested in getting involved this month? Check out our [National Youth Involvement Month](#) page to learn more.

Here is a brief overview on this month's calendar of events:

- Week 1: Volunteer Services and "Youth: Heroes in Action" Week
- Week 2: Disaster Cycle Services Week
- Week 3: Sustainability and Latino Engagement Week
- Week 4: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Week

To get ready for National Youth Involvement month, sign up for events [here](#).

Use the hashtag #NYIM23 so we can spotlight you or your Red Cross Club on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to us at YouthInvolvement@redcross.org.

Expand Your Knowledge



With National American Indian Heritage Month, explore the history, culture, and traditions of America's indigenous peoples. We encourage you to take part in the Cultural Competency Series: [Voices of Heritage: Explore Native American Narratives](#) to learn more and seek ways to support DEI. Register today for the event taking place on November 17. You can also check out this [website](#) to explore the rich history and cultural gallery.

November Monthly Focus: Veteran/Military Month



November is National Veterans and Military Family Month! This month serves as a reminder of the service that veterans provide. We hope to honor and celebrate the veterans and their families by spreading awareness and supporting the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces mission. Engage with some of these great resources to learn more:

- Take part in this mission education series: **ISD and SAF Mission Education Series: Military and Veterans Hospital Programs**
- Engage with the Cultural Competency Series on EDGE: **From Military Life to the Civilian Experience: Common Challenges Veterans and Military Families Face in the Transition**
- Check out the Totes of Hope activity guide to start a drive

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 always want to highlight great stories and 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.

Get Social and Share!

Share YouthWire with your peers and invite them to [subscribe](#).

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 youth & young adults' incredible impact by logging your hours and filling out the [spotlight form](#) today. Use these helpful [guides and video tutorials](#) to aid you in the process of logging volunteer hours on [Volunteer Connection](#) (desktop version and mobile app version)!



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November DEI Tip: "Being an Inclusive Team Member" course is available now!



Our yearly "Being an Inclusive Team Member" course is available again for 2023! All employees and volunteers are encouraged to take this training. The hours can be logged for NYIM if taken within November. Details can be found [here](#).