

# Menu of Opportunities

## Outside the Box Opportunities

Many young professionals come to the American Red Cross with unique expertise and talents. Here are a few new ways to put those skills to use.

### Leadership and governance

Mentor youth volunteers and local Red Cross clubs

Provide a young adult perspective to committees and working groups including strategic planning, event planning and project management

Provide legal expertise on board bylaws and other governance documents

### Youth

Chaperone Red Cross youth events

Drive youth volunteers to and from Red Cross activities

Fundraising

Organize a happy hour or social event fundraiser to benefit the American Red Cross

Become a member of the speaker's bureau for your Red Cross unit

### Technology

Assist the chapter with web design for specific events and causes

Help other volunteers or employees with computer skills (software, Client Assistance System, Learning Management System, etc.)

Provide IT support at Red Cross offices

### Accounting

Perform audits of financial assistance provided to clients as part of the Financial and Statistical Information

Management activity in Disaster Services

### Communications

Blog, tweet, update your Facebook status, and take photos at Red Cross events

Edit grant proposals for the Development department

Translate for non-English speaking Disaster Services clients

Translate Red Cross documents into languages other than English

Manage social media outreach (Facebook, Twitter)

Design marketing materials (flyers, brochures, programs)

Prepare a marketing or branding brief for a Red Cross unit, line of service, or program

### Corporate

Through Ready when the Time Comes, get your company prepared for the next big disaster

Many employers match the charitable gifts of their employees. Some also make donations to the nonprofit organizations where their employees volunteer through programs like Dollars for Doers. Check with your company's human resources department to see if you can multiply your impact!

### Sustainability

Help the Red Cross unit reduce energy use and save money

### About the Menu of Opportunities

Young professionals, ranging from 21 to 35 years of age, are a unique group of people with a wide variety of skills, experiences and interests that can benefit the American Red Cross in many ways. This menu is designed to help volunteer managers at Red Cross units involve young professionals as Red Cross volunteers and donors. These ideas will help you identify traditional volunteer opportunities for young professionals as well as "outside the box" opportunities that are more tailored to the specific skills of young professionals.

fundraise  
host a blood  
drive at work  
learn  
first  
aid  
and  
cpr  
play a  
round of golf  
of for  
flood  
victim  
relief  
host a club  
happy hour  
become a board member  
volunteer  
connections  
high school  
mentor a  
new money  
to save  
a child  
from  
measles  
change a life  
help build  
successful  
corporate  
partnerships  
meet a  
diverse  
group of  
new  
people  
build the  
skills  
you  
need to  
become  
a better  
leader  
visit a  
veteran  
discover your passion  
attend a lunchtime speaker series  
concert join a disaster  
relationships  
work with  
other young  
professionals  
in your area  
share  
your  
talents  
get certified  
in something  
new to you

# Menu of Opportunities

## Lines of Service Opportunities

Within the lines of service there are many opportunities for involvement. Many of them are similar to those opportunities for involvement available to all age groups.

### Disaster Services

Serve on a Disaster Action Team and assist victims of fires and other local disasters. Teams respond to disasters on an on-call rotational basis.

For those with nursing or mental health certification, assist Disaster Services clients with health and mental health needs

Join the Disaster Services Human Resources system (DSHR) to volunteer at disasters nationwide on three-week assignments

Educate key groups (your workplace, schools, businesses, community organizations) about disaster preparedness

Fundraise for the Disaster Relief Fund to provide relief to disaster victims

### Health & Safety Services

Organize a First Aid/CPR or other safety training at your workplace

Teach water safety classes (Swimming and Lifeguarding)

Teach First Aid/CPR/AED classes

Teach Babysitters Training classes

Staff First Aid stations at special events like marathons and local festivals

### International Services

Raise awareness or hold a fundraiser for the Measles Initiative (measlesinitiative.org)

Teach International Humanitarian Law

Find a local high school teacher to teach Exploring Humanitarian Law to his or her students

Help put war and Holocaust victims in touch with family via the "Restoring Family Links" program

Services to the Armed Forces

Visit with veterans at a local Veterans Administration hospital

Volunteer at special events for Guard and Reserve Units

### Blood Services

Give blood and recruit friends and family to go with you

Host a blood drive at your workplace

Volunteer at local community blood drives

### About the Menu of Opportunities

Young professionals, ranging from 21 to 35 years of age, are a unique group of people with a wide variety of skills, experiences and interests that can benefit the American Red Cross in many ways. This menu is designed to help volunteer managers at Red Cross units involve young professionals as Red Cross volunteers and donors. These ideas will help you identify traditional volunteer opportunities for young professionals as well as "outside the box" opportunities that are more tailored to the specific skills of young professionals.

fundraise  
host a blood  
drive at work  
learn  
first  
aid  
and  
cpr  
play a  
round of  
golf  
for  
flood  
victim  
relief  
host a club  
happy hour  
become a board member  
volunteer  
connections  
mentor a high school  
new money  
to save  
a child  
from  
measles  
change a life  
help build  
successful  
corporate  
partnerships  
meet a  
diverse  
group of  
new  
people  
build the  
skills  
you need  
to become  
a better  
leader  
visit a  
veteran  
discover your passion  
attend a lunchtime speaker series  
concert  
join a disaster action team  
build relationships  
give  
work with  
other young  
professionals  
in your area  
share  
your  
talents  
get certified  
in something  
new to you