

Making a Difference

Getting Involved in your Community

VOLUNTEERING RESOURCES

Inland Northwest Red Cross
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Measles Initiative
www.measlesinitiative.org



YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WITHIN the Red Cross makes a meaningful difference among their peers as well as their community by participating in activities such as: Red Cross Campus Clubs, serving on local leadership boards, Fund-Raising activities, teaching disaster preparedness, as well as HIV/AIDS prevention and education. No matter what a student's interest might be there is a place for everyone within the Junior Red Cross. Students involved within the Red Cross are given a unique opportunity to develop their leadership abilities as well as establish life-long friendships with peers their own age.

Youth Involvement in the Measles Initiative

Each year, this disease kills nearly one million children throughout the world—a half million of those in Africa alone. This fact makes measles the single leading cause of vaccine-preventable death among children in Africa

— more than AIDS, more than tuberculosis, and more than malnutrition. In a place where health conditions are extremely poor, living conditions are more than difficult, and access to health care is minimal, measles can be easily prevented with a simple vaccination.

The Measles Initiative is a long-term commitment to control measles deaths in Africa by vaccinating 200 million children, preventing 1.2 million deaths over five years. Leading this effort are the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and United Nations Children's Fund. Other key players in the fight against measles include the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and countries and governments affected by measles.

Youth Involvement in Red Cross Campus Clubs

To become active members of the Red

Cross community there are multiple options in place to support you in your school. From elementary school clubs to college level clubs The Red Cross can assist your school with beginning a Red Cross Club on any campus. Clubs can take an active role in leading and instructing students in disaster education and preparedness. Other opportunities include: Organizing classes, fundraising, or supporting world-wide initiative like measles. If you have a passion to serve others, and make a difference in the world around you, Multiple resources are available for you right now.

Volunteering

To show the importance of our youth volunteers the following statistics reveal just how important youth really are:

- Youth make up 24-35 percent of our volunteers.
- November has been proclaimed National Youth Involvement Month.
- The Junior Red Cross has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to vaccinate children in Africa affected by measles.
- The measles initiative has vaccinated 217 million children in more than 40 African Countries.
- In 2007 the Red Cross will celebrate 90 years of youth Service by the Junior Red Cross.