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Thanks for a great summer, Rachell!

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Hello, my name is Rachel Zgorzelski and I am a current student at the University of Toledo. Completing an internship in the Toledo area is a requirement within my curriculum, and I was fortunate to be placed at the American Red Cross, working with the youth program. The overall experience was amazing, I got to work with great people and assist the youth of Toledo at the same time. It was enjoyable because I had the opportunity to go out into the community and teach children about water safety. I even got to attend a babysitting session that was taught at the library. Most importantly, I helped with a huge fundraiser, Smoke on the Water. I put packets together, contacted the volunteers with instructions and assisted in putting all the pieces together of a successful event. The experience at the American Red Cross was refreshing and engaging because there was something new each day. At the end of the day it always felt great being a volunteer and truly helping people!



Nana and Eric downing clams at Oscar Night 2010

Congratulations to Nana Pokuah Appiah for receiving the **Extra Mile Award, and to Eric So for receiving the **Youth Leadership Award** at the Annual Meeting!**

Introducing, the FY11 Youth Council Executive Board



Nana Pokuah Appiah, President

Senior at The University of Toledo; Health Care Administration major, Business minor

"I chose to be a part of the American Red Cross Youth Council because I enjoy my role as a humanitarian. It is my passion to support people in serious need of help, to spread the awareness of deadly diseases such as measles and to attain wisdom. I also love participating in events to raise money for the disaster relief, measles vaccination, Haiti relief, etc. As a graduate I am definite that all the skills I learn from the American Red Cross will impact my future career."



Warifa Azeez, Vice President

Senior at Start High School

"Along with being an active member of the Youth Council, I have been a member of the Roy C. Start High School Red Cross club for four years now. I have been an active member of the Red Cross Youth Council for three years. I enjoy helping others and American Red Cross makes this possible by offering many different volunteer opportunities throughout the year, and that is why I keep coming back."



Kyle Alston, Secretary

Junior at St. Francis de Sales High School

"I love to help people and meet new people. It gives you a sense of accomplishment when you help someone, and that goes a long way. I'm looking forward to meeting new, cool people because you can make bonds that last a lifetime. While volunteering with the American Red Cross, you are able to mature and grow as a person while having fun."



Eric So, International Services

Senior at The University of Toledo, Biology and Chemistry (Pre-med) major

"The American Red Cross is an important organization that touches the lives of millions. As a member within the youth community, I take pride in advancing the mission of the American Red Cross. In order to achieve this mission, I actively participate in the Youth Council."



Stacey Miles, Publicity
Freshman at the University of Toledo; undecided major

"I have been volunteering with the ARC Youth Council since high school, and have really enjoyed it. I've met a lot of new people from being a part of this group. We're constantly working on new events and helping out in the community. Events like Global Youth Service Day, are so much fun and make me feel really good because I know that I'm helping others. Our social events keep the council close; the whole group is friendly and helpful to each other."



Tessa Elliott; Social Events
Senior at Start High School

"I became involved with the American Red Cross because I wanted to meet new people, make new friends, and help the community through a great organization. At school, I am a member of Z club, Mu Alpha Theta, and National Honor Society. I have also participated in Girl Scouts for 13 years, and volunteer at the Toledo Art Museum. I hope to one day travel the world and eventually settle in Italy or Greece. Volunteering is something that I love doing in my free time."



Ronit Shah; Fundraising
Junior at St. John's High School

"My favorite hobbies include playing tennis and volunteering. I love to help out at various agencies, including an elementary school and a hospice. I feel that the happiness that comes from helping others is priceless and unparalleled. No matter how small in comparison, I can impact the community around me. Volunteering with the Red Cross Youth Council is helping me recognize this goal."



Allie Funk; Recruitment
First year at Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy

"What keeps me coming back to the American Red Cross is my desire to do great work in this world. I like knowing that there are people who care enough about the well-being of the world to do something about it; the American Red Cross allows me to be a part of that. There are so many people that need help in this world and I like knowing that I'm working toward helping them."

Looking forward to a great year!

Smoke on the Water 2010

Between July 30th and August 1st, twenty-eight Youth Council members volunteered over 300 long hours to help keep this major Red Cross fundraising event up and running. Volunteers were assigned recycling and trash duty, and did a great job! On Sunday, the youth manned the Kids' Area and helped over 200 children and their families to learn about fire safety, interact with small animals, have their faces painted, climb into a real fire engine, and much more. Thank you for all of your hard work and support!



MainStreet Bar & Grill Fundraiser




Dedicated youth serving pasta and salad to community members on September 19th. The event raised \$5,000 to support local disaster relief! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Spotlight on...

The ARC Board of Directors

Thank you so much for your hard work and contributions in making our upcoming Leadership training possible!



Coming Soon...

- Fireman Freddie Day 2010
- Military Family Fun Night
- Rake for the Red
- Leadership In Action training