

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/10 Frederick Chapter Volunteer Recognition Event.

11/11 Veterans Day!

11/22 Club Advisory Board Meeting.

11/27 Thanksgiving Day! Offices Closed.

11/30 Last Day to Log Hours!

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CLUB CORNER

The American Red Cross of the Chesapeake Region and the Delmarva Region have recently merged creating one region. As the transition into these new roles is made in the coming months, you will be meeting the staff who will be supporting your clubs.

Meghan Otto
Greetings Red Cross Club Members! My name is Meghan Otto, and I'm a Volunteer Specialist in the Western part of Maryland. The counties I cover are Carroll, Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. It's my responsibility to recruit volunteers in these counties to ensure that as an organization, we can deliver the mission of the Red Cross as completely as possible. I am so excited to see the number of youth involved on Team Red Cross, bringing their creativity and ambition along with them! For the most part, I grew up in Washington County. After going away to college and moving out of the area for a few years, I am once again a resident. I graduated from Smithsburg High School and Hagerstown Community College, both of which have new Red Cross Clubs. It's so exciting to me that my two local alma maters have RCCs! I can't wait to meet the rest of the Clubs Hannah has worked to develop and see all that each of you accomplish this year!



Joe Miletti
My name is Joe Miletti and I'm the Regional Volunteer Director for the Chesapeake Region, as well as the person newly appointed to be in charge of the Red Cross Clubs in Baltimore City and County, as well

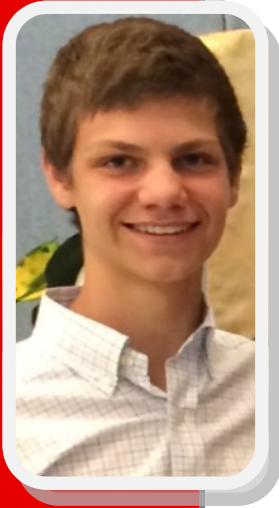
as Howard and Harford Counties. I'm thrilled to be taking on this responsibility and helping the Red Cross Clubs fulfill their goals in growing the mission of the organization! You will begin seeing and hearing from me in the upcoming months, but please don't hesitate to reach out to me in the meantime. My email is joe.miletti@redcross.org, and my office phone is 410.624.2023. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to working with and learning from you!

Hannah Gibson
As we embark on this new adventure I want all the clubs I have had the privilege of working with to know this is not goodbye but see you later. I want you all to know how amazing you are and how proud I am of you, the work you do and the work you will continue to do. The dedication you have to each other and the mission of the American Red Cross is that of true philanthropists, of true leaders. I know you all will succeed in any endeavor you seek and my hope is you will continue to volunteer with the American Red Cross and share your passion and enthusiasm for years to come. I now pass the torch to Meghan and Joe and rest assured you are all in good hands. I will miss working with all of you but will hold the memories close. Thank you for making my job fulfilling.

IN THE KNOW

- ◆ **Don't forget to log all hours and events in Volunteer Connection to ensure you get credit!**
- ◆ For High School Scholarship information contact Hannah Gibson, Regional Youth Specialist 410-624-2013 hannah.gibson@redcross.org
- ◆ Apply for a 2015 *Prudential Spirit of Community Award* which acknowledges the accomplishments of middle school and high school volunteers (grades 5-12) who have provided outstanding service to their community. Due November 11.
- ◆ The *Paradigm Challenge*, a new annual competition developed in partnership with Project Paradigm aims to generate new ideas to prevent injuries and fatalities from home fires. Project Paradigm will award cash prizes of up to \$100,000 to the top 100 teams. Only youth ages 7-18 are eligible to participate.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Meet Kevin Mikk. Kevin is an avid member of the Urbana High School Red Cross Club.

This month Kevin is recognized for member of the month for logging the most hours out of all the Red Cross Club members in the Chesapeake Region.

During the 2013-2014 school year Kevin, with the help of his peers, started the Red Cross Club at Urbana High School making it the first Red Cross Club in Frederick

County where he and his classmates jumped right in planning events and giving back to the local community.

With Kevin's help, the club won a regional club competition in May for being the first club in the region to have all club members registered in the Red Cross database Volunteer Connection.

When not attending meetings and events with the club, most recently attending the

Club Advisory Board meeting where he played a key role in committee planning, Kevin enjoys playing golf and hanging out with friends.

When asked why Kevin volunteers with the American Red Cross he stated "The Red Cross allows me to connect with my community."

Congratulations Kevin!

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CLUB OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the UMBC Red Cross Club for being chosen as Club of the Month!

UMBC's Red Cross Club has done an exceptional job this month logging hours, logging their events, getting new members to sign up in Volunteer Connection, and communicating with chapter staff. With 42 hours logged this month, two events, and unlimited dedication, it's easy to see why UMBC is Club of the Month for October.

The UMBC American Red Cross Club had a great start to the semester. This month of October was filled with multiple service opportunities and events that allowed the club to embrace the values of the American Red Cross. They participated in the Project Homeless Connect event at the Baltimore Convention Center, where they helped the local homeless receive various types of care. At their Measles and Rubella Initiative Fundraiser, the club raised close to \$100 to vaccinate children in third-world countries. They also volunteered at the blood drive held at UMBC. In addition, several of the club's members attended a CPR/First Aid/AED class in which they received certification. In November, the club will be honoring veterans by not only raising funds but also collecting various personal items for veterans residing at Loch Raven VA Community Living and Rehabilitation Center.

"I am actually honored to learn that my club has been selected for club of the month. We have been working diligently in the community to make a difference and all members have volunteered their time to help the club raise money and awareness for different causes. We hope to continue representing the Red Cross well in our future triumphs. At the end of the day, it is not about what you can put on a resume but rather how your help can change someone's life entirely. " - Asma Qaiyumi, President of UMBC Red Cross Club.



From left: Jacqueline Rice, Lailynn Reyes, Julissa Jaurez, Zenelle Abille, Alisa Bannherjee
Aman Sajid Measles and Rubella Initiative

MISSION MOMENT



Seven years ago when Marc Ebersberger first began volunteering at the American Red Cross, he thought about all his years of blood donations as well as the massive relief efforts done after floods and major storms. At the time, it never occurred to him to think that Red Cross does a lot on local levels too, like coordinating community emergency preparation classes and home fire relief operations. Ebersberger had retired after about 40 years of working in both the public and private sectors, but said that he still keenly "felt the need to do something useful, and to give back in some way to the community" and, so he began volunteering at the Red Cross. Although Ebersberger gets great satisfaction from engaging in DAT projects, according to him, his most memorable moment has been when he assisted with the Restoring Family Links program contacting Holocaust victims and their families about any information concerning their relatives. Ebersberger had a chance to meet and work on a case involving a gentleman-client who was a Holocaust survivor who was searching for his younger brother with whom he hadn't had contact since during World War II. The client told stories of how he saw several arbitrary killings and believed himself to be next, but the guard spared him. He lost his parents, a sister, and a nephew during the Holocaust. In the last days of the war during a transfer of

prisoners, he was reunited with two of his brothers who later came to America. All in all, Ebersberger concludes happily that his volunteerism at the American Red Cross organization is an enlightening, worthwhile endeavor that balances his perspective on life. He gladly shares his talents and time with this charitable organization. He said, "We all tend to focus on what is happening to ourselves and why we have bad things happen to us, but we need to get out of ourselves and see what is affecting others in our community. Then, we start to realize that our problems may not be as bad or 'catastrophic' as we think they are."

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SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

November is National Youth Involvement Month!
Here are two activities you could do to motivate your peers to get involved!

Birthday Party For Veterans

This event is a birthday party hosted at a local Veteran's hospital or veterans program for all the birthdays in a particular month.

Holiday Mail For Heroes Card Making Party

Join the Young Professionals for a card making party and create cards with messages of thanks and holiday cheer to military members, veterans, and their families. Date TBA—Contact Hannah Gibson at hannah.gibson@redcross.org or 410-624-2013.

Gain access to the full activity guides at www.redcrossyouth.org



RED RIVALRY



American Red Cross
of the Chesapeake Region

HOW DOES YOUR CLUB STACK UP AGAINST THE COMPETITION?

CLUB	HOURS
UMBC	42
Centennial	17
Urbana	17
Dulaney	13
Marriotts Ridge	07
Severn	07
Glen Burnie	05
Hammond	00
JHU	00
Loyola	00
Towson	00
Wilde Lake	00
Atholton	00
Frederick	00
River Hill	00
HCC	00

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Justin Hsieh 11/3 Holley Coffey 11/23
Chythanya Murali 11/3 Rushika Nayak 11/25
Jaymie White 11/5 Ivy Liu 11/25
Wouhib Tamrat 11/8 Manaahel Rao 11/26
Emmy Zhao 11/13 Erin Hedglen 11/28
Hemangini Patel 11/14 Elise Ahn 11/28
Kristen Ishmael 11/21 Erica Wageman 11/29

