



WWPHSS *Red Cross Club*

Club Accomplishments

- Holiday Cards - 324 cards for the armed forces overseas
- Dance-A-Thon - \$11,500+ raised
- Santa Wish List - 28 presents for our community's underprivileged children
- PB&J Day - 333 meals for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- Blood Drive Cards- 68 cards for the local chapter's blood donors
- Teens for Jeans -19 pairs for homeless youth
- Adopt-a-Unit - 116 care packages for the armed forces
- Valentine's Day Cards- 120 cards for our local veterans

Dance-A-Thon 2011

Top 4 Fundraisers

Every year, the Red Cross Youth Council of Central NJ hosts Dance-A-Thon to raise money for the Measles Initiative and the local chapter. It is a great way to have fun while supporting 2 great causes!



Krittika Pant

Sophomore Krittika Pant exhibited her strong passion for Red Cross by making a huge contribution to Dance-A-Thon. Krittika loves to volunteer because she gets the chance to meet people who share her passion of making an impact on the community. Krittika was able to raise so much money by going door-to-door and by introducing Dance-A-Thon at family gatherings. Her family members were happy to contribute and help her out. Also, she truly wanted to help others on her 16th birthday, so she donated part of her birthday money. Krittika also volunteers at St. Lawrence Rehabilitation Center. During her free time she loves to read, play golf, run, travel, and rock climb.



Krishna Mukkavilli

Sophomore Krishna Mukkavilli raised money by promoting the Measles Initiative at his parents' workplaces. Krishna enjoys volunteering for Red Cross because he is able to spend time with his friends while participating in fun activities. He especially enjoys F.A.C.T., in which Red Cross members go to Maurice Hawk to teach elementary school kids safety in creative ways. Along with being active in Red Cross Club, he is involved in Debate Club, GSSA, Community Problem Solvers, and A2Z (a tutoring program for underprivileged children). Krishna also likes listening to Lady Gaga and watching *Fringe* and *The Office*.



Sriveni Akula

Freshman Sriveni Akula loved fundraising for Dance-A-Thon this year, and she looks forward to doing it again next year. She went door-to-door with her friends, so not only did she help two great causes, but she also had a lot of fun! She and her friends each took turns speaking to donors, and then they split the money for each day. Sriveni volunteers for Red Cross because it is a unique way to help others. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, painting, and playing tennis.



Jennifer Zhang

Sophomore Jennifer Zhang was a successful fundraiser because she remained enthusiastic while going door-to-door asking for donations. Although she received plenty of rejections, she never gave up and kept on trying. Jennifer loves volunteering for Red Cross because all of the events are both fun and for a good cause. Outside of the club, she volunteers at senior centers and plays the piano competitively. She also runs for the track team and swam for the Junior Varsity Pirate swim team last year. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys reading (especially books by Dan Brown!), making origami, and watching anime.

Dance-A-Thon 2011 *(continued)*

Silver-level fundraisers (\$100+)



Shivani Patel
(Class of '15)



Navya Mulpuri
(Class of '15)



Roshni Shibad
(Class of '13)

- * Aditya Mudigonda (Class of '14)

Bronze-level fundraisers (\$50+)

- * Reem Al-Turk (Class of '15)
- * Ankita Veta (Class of '14)
- * Rushna Ahmed (Class of '14)
- * Shuang Cheng (Class of '13)
- * Andrew Chen (Class of '15)
- * Kunal Rath (Class of '15)

PB & J



On December 16, Red Cross members came together to make meals for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. The different groups competed against each other to make the most number of lunches in 45 minutes.

In total, 333 meals were made on PB&J day. Thanks to all who participated!



The winning group consisted of sophomores Sophie Chen, Yvonne Yu, Mercy Soong, Jennifer Zhang, Mimi Fang, and Lucy Hu (not pictured). They made 84 lunches and received free Dance-A-Thon Winter 2011 t-shirts.

Tips on Running for Office



In late May or early June, the club will have its elections. All positions are decided by popular vote except for Officer-in-Training.

There are five officer positions open to voting: President, Vice President, Secretary, Community Events Representative, and Publicist. There are three chairperson positions: Blood Drive, Community Services, and Public Relations. Later issues will go into detail about each of these positions.

The Officer-in-Training is chosen from the losing underclassmen (current 9th and 10th graders) in the election. Things that will be considered during selection are hours (amount and distribution), enthusiasm, dedication, effort, and diversity.

For those of you interested in running for a position, here are some tips to make you the best candidate possible:

1. **Be Active**- Show your dedication to Red Cross by earning as many hours as you can. We recommend that you have at least 55 hours by this point from at least eight events. Your hours, events, and a personal statement will be included in a ballot that will be released prior to the election. Ideally, you should earn hours from participating in a variety of events, not just from one or two.

2. **Be Innovative**- Come up with new events for the club. You can either send your ideas to the club email account, or you can talk to an officer.

3. **Be Bold**- Get to know the officers and chairpersons. A great way to do this is by joining a committee. If you were not a part of one yet, look out for the spring Blood Drive committee in April. Even if you are not on a committee, you can still attain a leadership position as long as you show your passion for Red Cross. Stand out by making memorable cards, creating original safety education presentations, and being an active blood drive volunteer. This is especially important for underclassmen vying for the Officer-in-Training position.

Remember that all leadership positions are huge responsibilities. Because the Red Cross Club is the largest club at South, all leadership positions are highly important and require a significant time commitment. Officers attend lunch meetings, which are once every four days. All officers and chairpersons are expected to attend all monthly meetings and club events unless there is an extenuating circumstance. In addition, they are expected to fulfill their responsibilities and keep Red Cross as their top priority. Although it is hard work, all of your efforts do pay off, for leading is a very rewarding experience.

Total Hours		Ent. Books	Lollipop Bagging	BD Training	Back2School	Lollipops 10/3	Halloween Meeting	Halloween Safety	Fall BD Recruiting	Fall BD Food	Fall BD Donor	Fall BD Volunteer	Fall BD Committee	Blizzard Bags	Clothing	Scarves	Craft Fair	PR Committee	Holiday Cards	PB&J Bags	DAT Committee	PB&J Assembly	Cheeburger	Santa Gifts	BD Cards	FACT Training	Lollipops 1/27	Jeans	Adopt-a-Unit	Valentine Cards	FACT
4.5	Rubenstein, Lauren									0.5									4												
1.75	Sandberg, Alex					0.3			1.5																						
2.25	Schwartz, Jordan											1							1.3												
5	Shah, Arusha																		5												
0.5	Shah, Noopur			0.5																											
5.5	Shanmuganandamurthy, Deepak																									0.5					5
0.5	Urena, Tiffany			0.5																											
5.5	Wu, Aaron										2																				3.5
10	Yang, Irene															10															
2	Young, Erin										2																				

Juniors

2	Aggarwal, Tarika										2																				
6	Amaravathi, Anusha											1					1									0.5					3.5
0.5	Armenta, Martin													0.5																	
0.75	Armus, Jacob					0.8																									
0.5	Bains, Kiran			0.5																											
3.5	Barker, Natalia																		1.5			2									
1	Bragat, Lauren			0.5		0.5																									
1.5	Charvet, Carolina			0.5								1																			
13.5	Cheng, Shuang				4	1			0.5	0.5							1			0.5				1		0.5	1				3.5
13	Chin, Ella			0.5							1	1		0.5								2					1.5				6.5
14	Desphande, Raveeja	3														10	1														
21	Dondapati, Nikhil								4.5				13																		3.5
1.5	Donohue, Rachel	1.5																													
11.5	Ezeigwe, Kene					1						0.5				10															
3.5	Gangidi, Prawallika		0.5	0.5					0.5															2							
2	Gao, Michelle										2																				
1.5	Ge, Tiffany	1.5																													
5.5	Godofsky, Caroline						0.5	5																							
0.5	Gong, Allen					0.5																									
4.75	Guan, Cathy					0.3																					1				3.5

Freshmen

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6	Akula, Sriveni																1					2					3							
25.75	Allen, Elizabeth	1.5				1.5									2.3	10	1		1	1		2				0.5		0.5			4.5			
3.75	Al-Turk, Reem			0.5		0.5																2				0.8								
2.5	Bailin, Jenna					0.5																		2										
5.25	Balzano, Melissa					0.5				1					3.8																			
15.25	Berg, Lindsay	6				0.8	0.5	4						2					0.8							0.3	1							
0.25	Brown, Robert					0.3																												
17.5	Chen, Andrew			0.5			0.5	4													12					0.5								
1	Chen, Matthew					0.3																				0.8								
12.25	Chi, Cathy	1.5								0.3		0.5				10																		
0.25	Chong, Cheryle																									0.3								
3	Cohen, Taylor																								2.5	0.5								
6	Crossey, Zachary													1	5																			
10.5	Dhond, Priya					0.3										10										0.3								
4	Dondapati, Akhil			0.5																												3.5		
3	Druckman, Adam	1.5		0.5										1																				
10	Dundumalia, Sherya															10																		
14.75	Fanik, Juliet	1.5				1.8	0.5	5									1										5							
3.75	Gadangi, Harshita Vasavi														1.5									2			0.3							
7	Gaggar, Asmita						0.5	4.5														2												
13.25	Goldfinger, Rachel	4.5				1.5	0.5	4																		2.8								
1	Gulama, Edlyn			0.5		0.5																												
6.5	Gupta, Anu																							2		0.5							4	
0.5	Harfouche, Melodi			0.5																														
4.5	Hiremath, Natasha	4.5																																
9.5	Iyer, Ankitha						0.5	4.5																		0.5								4
1.5	Joe, Francis																									1.5								
3.5	Kazi, Abdul	3		0.5																														
6.5	Kemnitzer, Caitlyn																												2	4.5				
6	Kermani, Darayus			0.5						2																	1	2.5						

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4	Varma, Sarthak	1.5		0.5											2																
6.75	Vena, Emily	1.5				0.3	0.5	4						0.5																	
3	Wagner, William																					1					2				
6	Wang, Allan			0.5			0.5	4																		0.5	0.5				
0.5	Widmayer, Hannah			0.5																											
4.5	Yu, Chris						0.5	4																							
0.5	Zhou, Alex																									0.5					
4.5	Zong, Nancy																									0.5					4