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**SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF
SOLAR-PLUS-STORAGE PROJECT**

Non-profit moving towards greener alternatives

SAN DIEGO (March 21, 2023) – San Diego Blood Bank (SDBB) has announced completion of its solar-plus-storage project which includes rooftop solar with battery storage, two new bloodmobiles that have been outfitted with batteries and solar panels that have made it possible to replace the two diesel power generators needed to operate the lights, AC, and equipment on these new buses, and two Tesla blood delivery vehicles, one of which was generously funded by the Walter J. and Betty C. Zable Foundation.

The energy storage system, rooftop, and carport solar system will provide shade and 100% renewable energy to help charge the batteries on SDBB’s two new bloodmobiles. The system is expected to generate 1,500,000 kWh annually of renewable energy and allow SDBB to generate and store that energy to use when electricity costs are highest. This will help reduce the organization’s energy spend and enable the Blood Bank to focus its resources on the critical supply of blood to hospitals.

“By switching to Solar power, we are not only more environmentally friendly but also benefiting from significant cost savings” said San Diego Blood Bank CEO Doug Morton. “Furthermore, our donors will have a more pleasant experience during mobile drives as there will be no generator fumes or noise surrounding the two new bloodmobiles while they wait for their appointments.”

About San Diego Blood Bank

San Diego Blood Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization also operating as Southern California Blood Bank, serving hospitals throughout Southern California. San Diego Blood Bank is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and collaborate with various partners in medical research. San Diego Blood Bank currently operates nine fixed site donation locations and 10 bloodmobiles. For more information about SDBB, visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Linkedin](#).

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