



MEDIA EVENT ADVISORY – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

MEDIA CONTACT (not for publication or broadcast):

San Diego Blood Bank

Claudine Van Gonka/Director Community Relations & Media 619-455-7785/cvangonka@sandiegobloodbank.org

LOCAL BLOOD DONOR INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL BLOOD DONATION HALL OF FAME

WHAT: Long-time San Diego Blood Bank donor and volunteer Jim Walker is being inducted into the National Blood Donation Hall of Fame, sponsored by [Fresenius Kabi](#). The Donation Hall of Fame recognizes individuals nationwide who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to blood donation. A brief induction ceremony will be held where Jim will receive a personalized award and be honored for his many contributions to people in need of blood transfusions.

WHEN: Tuesday November 14, 2023, Noon.

WHERE: San Diego Blood Bank Headquarters – 3636 Gateway Center Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92102 (back patio).

NOTES: Jim has been donating blood for over 50 years, and to date has donated over 170 gallons of blood. Jim has also volunteered with San Diego Blood Bank for 16 years, as a donor center host in the blood bank headquarters every Friday.

Jim started donating blood in 1968 when his wife was pregnant and found out she was anemic. Because of that experience, he realized there was a need for blood for pregnant women and newborn babies. Soon, he got into the habit of donating blood every eight weeks. Recently he was donating platelets regularly and volunteering weekly.

Every year, blood centers across the country submit nominations for this recognition. Winners are chosen based on their demonstrated commitment and passion to donating blood and/or encouraging blood donation. This year, Fresenius Kabi is celebrating its 25th year of partnering with blood centers through the National Blood Donation Hall of Fame.

Fresenius Kabi (www.fresenius-kabi.com/us) is a global health care company that specializes in medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion, and clinical nutrition. The company's products and services are used to help care for critically and chronically ill patients.

Appointments to donate blood are available at www.sandiegobloodbank.org

###