MEDIA EVENT ADVISORY – FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

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FAMILY RECOVERED FROM COVID-19 DONATES CONVALESCENT PLASMA AT SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK

WHAT: Amanda Almaraz, her husband Juan, and her father Frank are donating convalescent plasma together tomorrow after having recovered from COVID-19. They all contracted the virus back in May. They now want to help others who might benefit from their donations of convalescent plasma.

WHEN: Friday, August 7, 2020. Amanda’s appointment is at 8 a.m., her husband and father’s appointments are at 8:30 a.m. (note – actual donations could start 30+ minutes after appointment time)

WHERE: San Diego Blood Bank headquarters, 3636 Gateway Center Avenue, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92102.

NOTES: While COVID-19 has no proven treatment, plasma taken from those who have recovered may help patients currently fighting the virus.

Individuals can donate convalescent plasma if they have a confirmed positive laboratory test and no symptoms for the last 28 days. People with a subsequent confirmed negative test can donate after 14 days of symptom resolution.

To submit contact information to be qualified as a convalescent plasma donor, visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org/donateplasma. Donors will also need to meet routine donor screening criteria.

Amanda, Juan and Frank are available for interviews.