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## **Blood Donations in Father Joe’s Name Continue after Successful Surgery**

**SAN DIEGO (February 6, 2018)** – On January 18, the San Diego Blood Bank began asking the San Diego community to donate blood in support of Father Joe Carroll, who recently underwent surgery due to complications with diabetes. His doctor had indicated that they would need to have a supply of blood on hand.

Father Joe is recovering well, and his surgery did not require him to receive a blood transfusion. Yet he continues to encourage the public to donate for hospital patients throughout San Diego and beyond.

“We don’t always think of regularly scheduled surgeries like my own as needing blood,” said Father Joe. “I wanted to get the word out to people to come and donate for me and for all of our neighbors.”

The public is encouraged to continue to donate in Father Joe’s name now through February 14, Valentine’s Day, at which time SDBB will share with Father Joe how many donated in his name. To date, 230 donors have made blood donations in his name.

Visit [www.sandiegobloodbank.org](http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org) or call 1-800-4MY-SDBB (1-800-469-7322). Individuals can sign up to make a donation at San Diego Blood Bank centers located in Carmel Valley, Mount Hope (near downtown), Escondido, El Cajon, Vista, and Sabre Springs, or at various mobile drives throughout the county.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate with parental consent), weigh at least 114 pounds, and be in general good health.

### **About the San Diego Blood Bank**

SDBB 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 extending into research. SDBB is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves hospitals in San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Los Angeles counties with blood transfusion products and reference laboratory services. SDBB currently operates six local donor centers and 10 bloodmobiles. SDBB’s Cell Therapy Program provides lifesaving stem cell transplants to patients worldwide. For more information about SDBB, visit [www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org](http://www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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