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**SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK PROVIDES BLOOD TO SOUTH CAROLINA
IN WAKE OF HURRICANE FLORENCE**

Now Asking Public to Donate To Replenish Supply

SAN DIEGO (Sept. 13, 2018) – The San Diego Blood Bank sent 34 units of blood products to Blood Connection Inc. in Piedmont, South Carolina, late yesterday in the wake of Hurricane Florence. Many blood centers in the area are unable to collect for their local hospitals due to the effects of the storm.

"We received an additional request for blood today, so we're asking eligible donors to schedule an appointment to donate blood as soon as possible so we can maintain an ample supply," said David Wellis, PhD, CEO of San Diego Blood Bank. "Let's do what we do best – partner together as a community to save the lives of patients in need."

The blood types specifically being requested are: O positive, O negative, A negative and B negative. Appointments can be made at SanDiegoBloodBank.org.

About 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. To be eligible to donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. For more information about SDBB, visit SanDiegoBloodBank.org or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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