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**SAN DIEGO PADRES AND SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK COLLECT OVER 465 PINTS
OF BLOOD AT THIRD ANNUAL PADRES SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**
*Vouchers for Padres Tickets Continue to be Gifted to Donors This Week During
“Padres Mania”*

SAN DIEGO (June 19, 2019) Over 465 pints of blood were collected yesterday at the third annual Padres Summer Blood Drive, presented by Sycuan Casino, surpassing last year’s total of 350 pints.

The drive, which was hosted at Petco Park’s Park at the Park, was a fun-filled day featuring a large-scale blood drive, autographs by players and alumni, and appearances by the Pad Squad and Swingin’ Friar. Blood donors received a voucher redeemable for two tickets to the Padres home game against the Baltimore Orioles on June 29 or June 30, VIP access to the autograph booth, and free parking. VIP donors included County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher and Vice President of Community and Military Affairs for the Padres, Tom Seidler.

“We are so grateful to the Padres, our sponsors and our community for helping to bring our blood supply up to a sufficient level as we head into the summer”, said San Diego Blood Bank CEO David Wellis. “The summer months are some of the toughest for blood banks across the country. This drive is literally a lifesaver for local hospital patients.”

The Padres Sumer Blood Drive kicks off the San Diego Blood Bank’s appeal to the community to donate during the summer months. Supplies are always low in summer, as schools are out of session and many donors are out of town on vacation. **Starting today, donors donating at any SDBB donor center will receive a voucher for two tickets to a future Padres home game, while supplies last (vouchers not available at mobile drives).**

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. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment at SanDiegoBloodBank.org or calling 1-800-4-MY-SDBB (1-800-469-7322).

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 or connect with us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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