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**SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK COMMEMORATES SEPTEMBER 11,
OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BACK**

SAN DIEGO (September 10, 2021) - As our country remembers the tragic events of September 11, 2001, San Diego Blood Bank reflects on the role blood donation played on that fateful day.

As the country stood still on Sept 11, 2001, San Diego Blood Bank sent 380 pints of blood to New York City with the help of the United States Navy. **Blood from local donors was the first to arrive on the scene that same day.** On that day and in the days that followed, donors lined up to give blood, many waiting in line for several hours. By the end of the week, more than 3,000 people had donated.

Founded on September 11, 1950, San Diego Blood Bank has been serving our community for seventy-one years. San Diego Blood Bank supplies blood to Veteran's Hospital La Jolla, Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital and Naval Hospital of San Diego.

Claudine Van Gonka, Director of Community Relations and Marketing for San Diego Blood Bank comments, "As we remember this day for being both our founding day and a day we will never forget, we are reminded of how blood donation connects us all to something bigger than ourselves. We are also reminded that it's the blood already on the shelves that saves lives."

Consider donating blood on 9/11 at any of San Diego Blood Bank's [8 donation locations](#) or the following mobile blood drives:

[VG Donut & Bakery – 106 Aberdeen Dr., Cardiff by the Sea, 92007](#)

[VFW Post 3795 – 212 W. Mission Rd., San Marcos 92069](#)

Appointments are encouraged and available at SanDiegoBloodBank.org. Donors must be 17 years or older, weigh a minimum of 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 eight 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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