A WORD FROM OUR CEO

Summer is a time for enjoying the beach, barbeques, and soaking up the sun. We truly hope you are enjoying the season with friends and family. Here at SDBB, summer is typically a time when blood donations are low, as schools are out of session and many people are traveling on vacation. If it’s been a while since you’ve donated, I hope you’ll consider coming in soon and bringing a friend.

As you’ll see on the following pages, this summer we have a couple of great events for our donors and the public alike – our annual Live Well San Diego 5K and Comic-Con Blood Drive. Updates to our events and all activities are always available on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

Whether it’s at one of our donor centers, on a bloodmobile, or at one of our events, we look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for being a part of our family.

All the best,

Sincerely,

David Wellis, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

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The San Diego Blood Bank and our blood drive chair people are grateful to Marsh & McLennan Agency (formerly Barney & Barney) for their generous Presenting Sponsorship of the recent Partner Appreciation Event held at the Bali Hai Restaurant. Kira Fernandez, Client Executive with Marsh & McLennan Agency, was present to accept our thanks and share the poignant story of her friend’s young child who received blood from the San Diego Blood Bank during open heart surgery.

We are grateful to Marsh & McLennan Agency for their caring and visionary support of our lifesaving programs.

If you shop at Ralphs, you can help raise funds for SDBB’s lifesaving programs and services without spending an extra penny! SDBB can receive a donation every time you shop IF you register your Ralph’s reward card number, and designate SDBB as your charity of choice.

Ralphs will donate up to 4% of your total bill back to SDBB every quarter. Every little bit helps, so please consider registering your card today at Ralphs.com.

Grossmont Healthcare District helps the San Diego Blood Bank save lives every day through their charitable support of our mobile blood collection program in East County. Our bloodmobiles travel almost every day of the year collecting donated blood at private companies, large public venues, schools, and more, making the act of donating blood as accessible as possible. With their generous gifts, Grossmont Healthcare District helps cover the direct costs of collecting blood through bloodmobiles in East County.

On behalf of the patients we serve, thank you Grossmont Healthcare District.
DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Matthew

Matthew has been a dedicated blood donor since high school and is now a platelet donor. He is a filmmaker and teaches English to students. He grew up in San Diego and graduated with a degree in Television/Film/New Media from San Diego State University. Matthew creates indie films, like the vampire comedy, “Bullets, Fangs, and Dinner at 8,” which was screened at various movie festivals.

Fun fact: Matthew has combined his passion for saving lives and movies by dressing up in costume at our annual Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive at Comic-Con. He has dressed up as The Joker, Lex Luther, and Bane in full costume and make up to help pass out flyers, encouraging other Comic-Con goers to donate blood and save lives, too.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

John

John has been with the San Diego Blood Bank for nine years. His favorite part of his job is getting to spend time with new and returning blood donors. Working with his stellar healthcare team is another thing he loves. Saving lives is important to John because “you never know who’s going to need your blood.” He personally knows friends and family members who have benefited from blood transfusions.

John’s journey to becoming a nurse wasn’t a straight course. He originally studied to become an engineer while attending school in the Philippines. However, when he moved to the U.S., he decided on a different path when he learned about a possible career in nursing. Family members were nurses, which positively influenced him. John also wanted to fulfill his desire to be of service to others, so nursing was the path he settled on.

During John’s spare time, he enjoys exploring new places to eat, like trying new Asian restaurants in the Convoy district in San Diego. He also loves traveling, going on road trips, and snowboarding. We’re glad John found his path and niche in blood banking. He’s saving lives and living an adventurous life!
The Comic-Con International Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive returns to Comic-Con for the 41st year in a row. Donors can take part in our annual philanthropic tradition and give a “helping arm” in the Coronado Ballroom at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, 1 Market Place San Diego, CA 92101.

Donors will receive a Guardians of the Galaxy T-shirt, courtesy of Mad Engine, as a token of appreciation. Tickets to Comic-Con are not necessary to donate blood.

**Make your appointment to donate at Comic-Con.** See you there in cosplay!

**Thursday, July 20:** 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Friday, July 21:** 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Saturday, July 22:** 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday, July 23:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

After the drive, SDBB is hosting “Comic-Con Mania” and offering the special shirt to donors who give at any SDBB donor center or mobile drive between 7/24 and 7/31 (while supplies last). Appointments for the drive and Comic-Con Mania are available at www.sandiegobloodbank.org.
The Live Well San Diego 5K is coming soon – have you registered yet? If so, thank you – and please remember to bring a friend. If not, there’s still time to register before fees go up on July 21.

This year’s event features:
- A beautiful new course along Harbor Drive
- Kids zone and pet zone
- Interactive post-event expo
- Fun for all ages
- Great prizes for those fundraising for a good cause

Register now! Proceeds benefit the lifesaving work of the San Diego Blood Bank while supporting the Live Well San Diego vision of a San Diego region that is building better health, living safely and thriving.

Thanks to our Sponsors
PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Stefanie

Stefanie was transfusion dependent for eleven years due to aplastic anemia. Thanks to a bone marrow transplant in 2007, Stefanie is completely recovered!

She graduated from George Washington University as a physician assistant in 2013. She now resides in San Diego, has a career working in hematology/oncology, and enjoys spending time with her family. Stefanie is also getting married this fall. Thanks to your blood donations, she gets to live happily ever after.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Linda

Linda became a volunteer after being a dedicated blood donor. She loved the nurses and donors she met while donating so much that once she was no longer able to give blood, becoming a volunteer was another way to stay connected. Linda was hooked on volunteering and has been with us for more than nine years now. She believes, “You meet the nicest people at the San Diego Blood Bank!”

Before Linda retired, she worked doing large commercial transactions for companies all over the world. Linda feels fortunate to have travelled the world in her career. So far, she has been to six out of seven continents! Antarctica is still on her bucket list.

Linda holds a Doctorate of Law and a degree in psychology. Fun Fact: Linda is a former President of The SD Chapter of Women in the Wind, (“Sol Sisters”), an international organization promoting safe motorcycling for women.
Our newest bloodmobile has arrived!

The Omni 10, San Diego Blood Bank's newest bloodmobile, is here! What makes the Omni 10 stand out among our other bloodmobiles is its spacious design and ability to hold two Trima machines, which will enable donors to donate platelets. Almost every facet of the new bloodmobile was carefully designed to maximize space and provide blood donors with an overall positive clinical experience. With the Omni 10 being ten inches taller and 6 inches wider than a typical bloodmobile, blood donors will have an even more comfortable donation experience.

Inside the new Omni 10, more space means more room to save lives. 12 - 14 people can be accommodated and with extra space, walking and moving inside the bloodmobile is easier.

Thanks to the Walter J. and Betty C. Zable Foundation, Omni 10 is now on the road after a special ribbon cutting ceremony at our 2017 Padres Summer Blood Drive.
NEW DONOR CENTER HOURS

PLEASE NOTE: As of August 13, 2017, we are changing our donor center hours in an effort to increase donations at our centers and offer donors more options for after-work donations, see below for new center hours.

Appointments are available by calling 1-800-469-7322 or by visiting SanDiegoBloodBank.org.

GATEWAY DONOR CENTER
3636 Gateway Center Ave., Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92102
Sunday—Monday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday—Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday—Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

EAST COUNTY DONOR CENTER
776 Arnele Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020
Sunday—Monday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Noon - 8 p.m.
Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday—Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

COASTAL DONOR CENTER
1910 Via Centre, Vista, CA 92081
Sunday—Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesday—Thursday, Noon - 8 p.m.
Closed Friday and Saturday

NORTH COUNTY DONOR CENTER
358 West El Norte Parkway, Suite J, Escondido, CA 92026
Tuesday, Noon - 8 p.m.
Wednesday—Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday

SABRE SPRINGS DONOR CENTER
12640 Sabre Springs Parkway, Suite 109, San Diego, CA 92128
Tuesday—Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday—Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday

CARMEL VALLEY DONOR CENTER
Piazza Carmel Shopping Center
3880 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 209 & 210
San Diego, CA 92130
Sunday—Monday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Tuesday—Wednesday, Noon - 8 p.m.
Closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday

CONNECT WITH US

Saved a life by donating blood? Show us how you did it by tagging us in your photos. Your photo may be featured on our social media!

You can also follow us on Instagram and Twitter or Like Us on Facebook to receive our latest news and updates.