



## **MEDIA ADVISORY – SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2022**

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## **THAL-OHANA CARE WALK AND BLOOD DRIVE BRINGS AWARENESS AND FUN TO NTC PARK**

**WHAT:** Thalassemia Awareness Event featuring a blood drive, hula dancing, food and more.

**WHEN:** Sunday, May 28, 2023, Blood drive 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Event runs 9 a.m. – Noon.

**WHERE:** NTC Park at Liberty Station, 2455 Cushing Road, San Diego, CA 92106 (Corner of Womble & Cushing Road).

**NOTES:** Thalassemia patients Kamila Saradpon, Ella Martinez, and Sevey Angeles and their families will be on-site and available for interviews.

Thalassemia, a rare form of anemia, is a genetic condition that occurs when the body does not produce enough hemoglobin alpha or beta proteins. Red blood cells do not form properly and cannot carry sufficient oxygen throughout the body, requiring the patient to receive lifelong blood transfusions.

More about Kamila, Ella, and Sevey's story can be found in our blog at [www.SanDiegoBloodBank./Thal](http://www.SanDiegoBloodBank./Thal).

Blood donation appointments are available at [www.sandiegobloodbank.org](http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org). Walk-ins are welcome.

Register to walk or donate towards the cause [here](#).

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