

The Importance of Our New Bloodmobile

Bloodmobiles help foster community involvement, encouraging people to contribute to a vital healthcare service. Our new bloodmobile is important for a variety of reasons, especially in meeting the constant need for blood donations by enhancing accessibility, improving donor experience, increasing reliability, and expanding our capacity for blood collections. These benefits ultimately lead to a more efficient and sustainable blood donation process, ensuring a supply of blood for patients in need. The new bloodmobile is made for rural traveling, which allows us to reach more diverse locations and communities, including those with limited access to traditional donation centers. Our bloodmobile will travel up north to Crescent City, down south to Garberville, and as far east as Hoopa. Bringing the donation process to various locations, including businesses, schools, community events, and shopping centers, making it easier for people who may have difficulty traveling to a traditional blood donation center. Our hospitals and emergency services rely on a readily available blood supply, and through our mobile blood drives, we are able to collect the majority of our whole blood donations as well as introduce ourselves to first-time donors by visiting their high schools. This new bloodmobile is a crucial asset for collecting much-needed life-saving blood.



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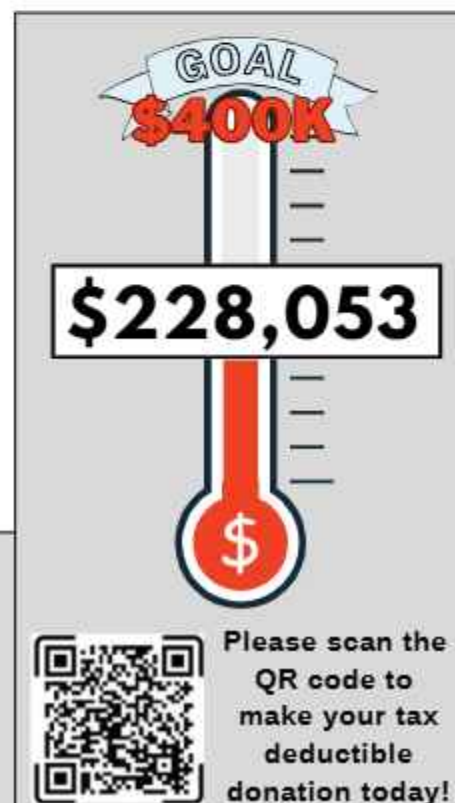
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We are still fundraising!

As of now, we are not yet at our intended goal and are continuing to collect donations towards the new bloodmobile. Please reach out to us if you are interested in making a donation. Your continued donations will help us reach our target and make a significant difference in the lives of many. Thank you for your ongoing support.





Kiwanis of Henderson Center and the Blood Bank



Above: Kiwanis members Heather Ponsano and John Friedenbach presenting Kate Witthaus, CEO, and Tiffany Armstrong, Director of Donor Services, with a \$10,000 donation towards the purchase of our larger bloodmobile in 2020, featuring two screening rooms and four beds. Right: 2025 new bloodmobile, photo taken by Eureka Chamber of Commerce.

The Blood Bank and Kiwanis of Henderson Center have a long-standing relationship that is deeply rooted in making an impact in our community. Many of their members are long-time blood donors, including Ray Jerland, a 33-gallon donor, David Lindberg, a 56-gallon blood donor, Paul Jerland, a 21-gallon donor, Mark Wetzel, a 6-gallon donor, and Kelsie Sobol, an 8-gallon blood donor. Kelsie's mother, Sherri Sobol, was our first-ever Therapeutic Plasma Exchange. Having battled Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura, a rare, life-threatening blood disorder. The Blood Bank has had a hand in Kiwanis over the years, too, with several employees who have joined the club. Current member April Tuttle hosted the club this past Wednesday for a tour of the Blood Bank. They toured the lab and a tour of the new bloodmobile, for which they generously donated \$5,000. We are honored to be so closely intertwined with the Kiwanis of Henderson Center and are so grateful for all the contributions they have made towards our many fundraising efforts throughout the years and their dedication to donating blood.



What is Therapeutic Plasma Exchange (TPE) & Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP)?

Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) is a rare, life-threatening blood disorder in which blood clots form in small blood vessels throughout the body. The clots can limit or block the flow of blood to your organs, such as your brain, kidneys, and heart. This can prevent your organs from working properly and can damage them. Therapeutic plasma exchange (TPE) removes and replaces a patient's blood plasma to treat certain diseases such as TTP. During this therapy, small amounts of blood are gradually removed through an inserted needle or central line catheter and circulated through a machine that separates blood into red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma. The plasma portion of the blood is removed and replaced by a plasma substitute, and then added back to the cells (red cells, white cells, and platelets) and finally returned by intravenous or central venous catheter access. The removed plasma is discarded. One procedure typically removes 65% to 70% of the disease-causing proteins in the plasma. Typically, several procedures are needed to lead to clinical improvement. The Blood Bank is proud to offer this procedure, and we are especially grateful to Laura Smither and Brad Nelson. As registered nurses, Laura and Brad are highly valued members of our Blood Bank team and have received specialized apheresis technician training to perform TPEs.



SUMMER 2025 EDITION

Pictures from this past June of the Kiwanis Club of Henderson Center at the Blood Bank.





The Next Generation of Blood Donors

As the demand for blood donations continues to rise, the next generation of blood donors will play a pivotal role in sustaining healthcare systems globally. Encouraging young individuals to become lifelong donors is essential for meeting the needs of patients requiring life-saving transfusions and therapeutic procedures.

Educational campaigns, increased accessibility to bloodmobiles, and our efforts to collaborate with local students through our middle school leadership education courses, high school blood drives, and our Community Impact Scholarship Program, which will be debuting in fall 2025, are the main focus of our efforts to help inspire more young people to contribute. Moreover, promoting the altruistic value of donating blood aligns with fostering a culture of empathy and community support.

Young people like Amelia are our future. My first interaction with Amelia was over the phone. She was deeply passionate about coordinating a "platelet party" with all of her friends on behalf of her cousin Massimo, who has Lymphoma. Amelia, knowing the impact donated platelets have made on her cousin's health, wanted to organize a day where she and her friends could come in to donate platelets. To become a platelet donor, you first must make a recent whole blood donation. A whole blood donation needs to be made first so that, at this time, we can get your platelet pre-count and test to be sure you're a good candidate for platelets. Even if you have donated before, we will need a recent whole blood donation if you have never had the pre-count testing done. After learning that although platelet donations are important and essential to so many of the sickest patients in need, it does take a few extra steps and some preemptive planning and testing to become a platelet donor. From there, Amelia coordinated a blood drive, where she and her friends would donate whole blood instead. With Amelia's enthusiasm and one of our donor recruiters to assist her in the ultimate goal of her and her friends becoming future platelet donors, the first step was made towards making that goal a reality. Amelia's blood drive will take place this July. If you are interested in becoming a platelet donor and have questions, please reach out to us. We are happy to assist you in becoming a much-needed platelet donor.

Becoming a platelet donor is a vital way to help people with serious medical conditions, as platelets are crucial for blood clotting and are often needed in emergencies and for patients undergoing cancer treatment, transplants, or surgery. Platelets are an absolutely imperative part of the health and well-being of so many, and because platelets have a shelf life of just five days, there's a constant need for donors to replenish the supply to ensure that they are readily available for patients in need.

The platelet donation process takes approximately two hours, plus the typical time for registration, screening, and refreshments. Your body is able to replenish platelets very quickly, and you may donate as frequently as once every 7 days, but no more than 24 times in a 12-month period.

Donate blood

Saturday, July 12th
from 8am - 2pm
at the Blood Bank
2524 Harrison Ave.
on behalf of

Massimo

as he battles Lymphoma. Lets
celebrate the power of
community and solidarity in
saving lives through the simple
act of giving blood.

Blood Donors
are
Life-savers



Please use QR Code to make an appointment. Or visit our website at nccbb.org, scroll to the bottom of the page click

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

select July, 12th then pick a time that works best for you. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments given priority.

Sign-up by
noon on
Thursday, July 10th
and you'll receive
a FREE blood
donor hat at time
of donation.



High School Heroes by Sierra Carter

The 2025 High School Heroes trophy was proudly awarded to Arcata High School. AHS continues to set the blood collection bar higher than any other school in Humboldt and Del Norte. However, it isn't the number of donors that we are able to see in one day that sets them above the rest; it's the students in Jennifer Corriell's leadership class who are the true winners of our trophy. AHS student volunteers took the reins from start to finish and host a well-coordinated and successful blood drive. They created their own sign-up and QR Code, and they created their own clever and fun content, which is used on their own social media to encourage sign-ups and student participation.



They showed up the day of to help set up, then, using their own computers, checked students in and out, keeping attendance for the office and assigning passes for students to leave class to donate. Having capable and reliable volunteers that are completely independent, especially when we see 150 to 180 donors within the span of a school day is monumental. Mrs. Corriell's leadership class was also my inspiration for the Northern California Community Blood Bank's Community Impact Scholarship. Last year, when I told this class that the High School Heroes trophy was going to Ferndale High School, I could feel their disappointment. Knowing how much effort they put into their school's blood drives and how much they truly care about it's success got my wheels turning. I wanted to do more; I wanted to give them something that would acknowledge them and their hard work. Although many students in this class will be graduating and off to become future leaders, serving their community, I hope they know that it is because of them that starting next year, we will be awarding three one-thousand-dollar scholarships to future student volunteers who exemplify the spirit of Mrs. Corriell's leadership class.

Red Cord Program

Donating blood is a simple yet significant way to contribute to the health and well-being of others in their time of need. Each donation can impact or save up to three lives, emphasizing the immense impact a single individual can have. Your blood can be the key to a patient's recovery and survival. One out of every seven people entering the hospital needs donated blood products. Donated blood is essential to burn patients, childbirth, chronic conditions, trauma patients, cancer patients, the list goes on and on- major surgeries, massive transfusions, transplants, would not exist without donated blood. By donating blood, you're not just giving a part of yourself; you're giving someone else a chance at life.

The Blood Donor Honor Cord recognizes the contributions graduating seniors have made to our community. Recipients of this honor have donated blood at least three times during their high school career. By taking the time and effort to donate blood, these individuals demonstrate the character and selflessness that every college, employer, and community respects and values. We have no doubt that these individuals who have earned this recognition will go on to accomplish great things. This year, we were able to give 214 red cords to Humboldt and Del Norte graduating high school seniors. We proudly thank these students who took the time to donate. Their commitment to blood donation is a selfless act that has saved and positively impacted the lives of the sickest and most vulnerable patients in our community. You truly are lifesavers, and we hope that you continue to donate whenever the next chapter of your life takes you.



Left to right: Jasmine Dorrell, Shaella Sullivan and Julie Rausch, Education Specialist.

TEXT MESSAGING IS HERE! DO NOT HIT UNSUBSCRIBE!

Text messaging is here! Please, DO NOT hit unsubscribe. We know that new things can be scary, but we promise this is a good thing! Our community Blood Bank is advancing with the times. Although our donors are used to hearing the voices of phone recruiters the evening before their next eligible donation day, We are phasing them out. Text messaging has become an industry standard in most places, and it is just our time to do the same. It's one quick notification to remind you to donate, and it has the Blood Bank's website linked for an easy way to see our mobile blood drive schedule and Blood Bank hours. You will only receive another text a week after the first if you have not donated within that time. We encourage you not to look at our text as a nagging spam message but as a reminder that there are lives to be saved and you're just the hero to do so. If you have any questions about our text messaging, or maybe you accidentally/intentionally hit unsubscribe without knowing the importance of it, then please call the Blood Bank at 707-443-8004. We can easily and quickly resubscribe you to these important text messages and possibly the only text you'll ever receive that will undoubtedly save a life.



Donor Outreach Specialists

Along with text messaging and blast calls, the Blood Bank has created a new position in our Donor Resources department as we transition out of the phone-recruiter era. The Donor Outreach Specialist focuses on enhancing blood donation efforts through communication and marketing tasks. Key responsibilities include making calls for in-house drives, addressing donor inquiries, and reaching out to first-time donors. The Donor Outreach Specialist will also create promotional materials, assist with blood drive logistics, and engage on social media to support donor engagement and community outreach. Meet our Donor Outreach Specialists.



Marlee-

She might have a new job title, but she's been with the Blood Bank for a year and a half. Consistently being friendly and professional as our Phone Recruiter Supervisor and one of the 'faces behind the phones', Marlee has been an asset to ensuring donors know when and where they can donate, as well as assisting them with any questions or concerns. Marlee has great communication skills and a positive, can-do attitude. We are looking forward to seeing Marlee grow in her new position, where she will collaborate in a team environment with our Donor Recruiters.

Please refer to 'New Employees' on page 16 for bio on our other Donor Outreach Specialist.

Share your story

Have you or a loved one ever received a transfusion? By sharing your story, you can save lives by motivating others to donate.

Story submitted by Michelle Radison-

Several years ago, our young son became seriously ill. What began as a flu diagnosis quickly turned into something much worse. After two emergency room visits with no improvement, we brought him in a third time—this time, barely able to stay awake. We insisted on a chest X-ray, and what doctors found was terrifying.

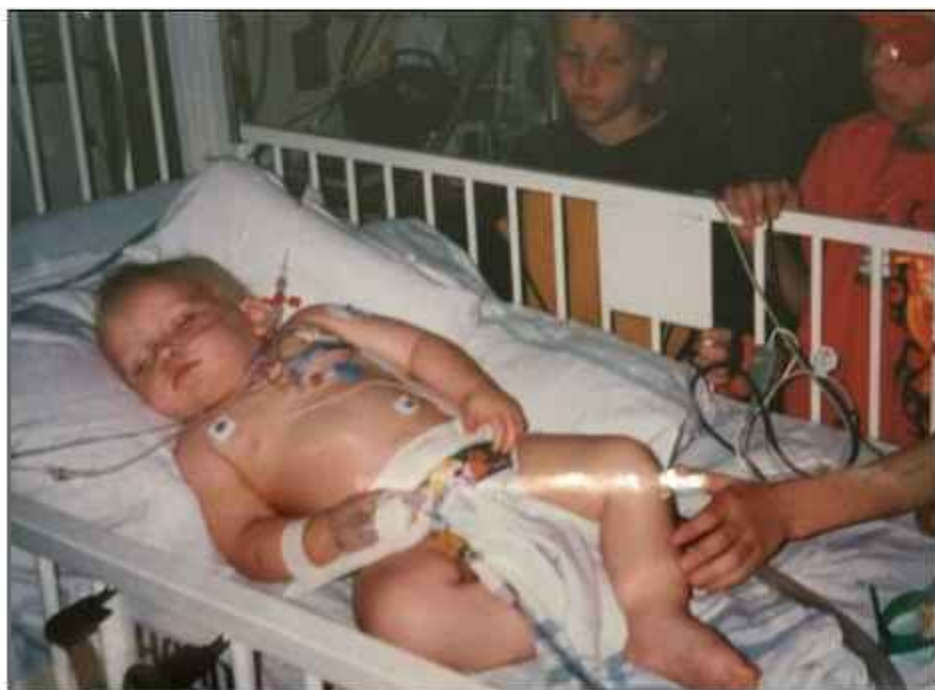
He had developed rare pneumonia and a pneumothorax—air trapped in his chest, collapsing one of his lungs. He needed emergency surgery and was admitted to intensive care. Over the following days, he became critically ill. His body couldn't keep up, and he required multiple blood transfusions just to stay alive.

We were told his condition might become terminal. We had two choices: wait for a lung transplant, or try a new, experimental procedure using fibrin sealant to repair his lung. It was a leap of faith—but it worked. The surgery was a success, and just days later, our son came home with us.

Today, he's healthy. He's happy. And he's alive because of people like you.

The truth is: blood donors saved our son's life. Without those transfusions, he wouldn't be here today. He wouldn't have grown up into the kind, strong, amazing man we know and love.

If you've ever donated blood—thank you. You gave us more than blood. You gave us time. You gave us hope. You gave us our son's future.



If you, or someone you know, have received a blood transfusion and would like to share your story, please email us at recruit@nccbb.org, call 707-443-8004 or go to our website at nccbb.org and click the 'Stories' link at the top of the page.



My Dear Friend John by Sierra Carter

John Cushing lived most of his life in Hydesville, California, currently just one block away from me. Years ago, John pulled up in his little truck to our roping arena, just to say hello. He was instantly recruited to roping chute operator and paid in cold beer, even though old John would never snub a warm beer. John and his quick-witted, feisty, motorcycle-driving wife, Verda, lived a good life here. Together, they raised a family, contributed to their community, and through hard work, good times, and their commitment to family, their roots in the Eel River Valley grew. One of my favorite things about John and Verda was her playful jabs at John and his carefree/ careless attitude back, mostly because he can't hear anything, but also because she kept him on his toes. John



worked both at the Scotia mill and power plant, and is now retired. John enjoys checking his Costco stock, long drives up and down the coast, watching Nascar, and working the chute for many local team ropers who are now his good buddies. John and Verda are our neighbors, friends, and pretty dang close to family. Recently, John lost his wife, Verda; it was sudden and unexpected, a complete shock to us all. John fell into a hopeless depression, wanting to give up without Verda. His body wore down quickly, and he lost all motivation and became very weak. Knowing he had health problems but neglecting to go to the doctor, John just kept feeling worse and worse. Until the first weekend of June. All alone, John got scared; he couldn't walk, and he knew that he needed help. His son, who lived in Sacramento, called my husband to go check on him, but we were out of town. My husband told his son to call an ambulance immediately. John was taken to Redwood Memorial Hospital and given 3 units of blood. Instantly, he felt better. He needed more blood, but they wanted to find the bleeding before, as John put it, they "topped him off". His doctor told us that for an adult male, he had the second-lowest amount of blood in his body. John joked he "should have waited another hour to call the ambulance so he could have been number one". He had internal bleeding and pneumonia. Both quick and easy fixes that could have just as easily killed him, that night had he not received ~~topped him off~~ blood. Next day, As he lay in his hospital bed

joking about being second, he joyfully moved his feet back and forth, and with a big smile, said his legs and feet had never felt better. He could breathe again, too, because the new blood was carrying oxygen through his body with ease. For the first time in a long time, he felt like a million bucks. John's out and about now, and grateful for his body, health, and life. John's life was saved because our local hospital had blood readily available. It's because of everyday heroes, those of you who choose to donate and do so regularly, people like my dear friend John, have the chance to live another day. Oh, and John had to give up beer, doctor's orders.



Service Above Self

What is Rotary? 120 years ago, founder Paul Harris, originally from a small town, moved to the big city of Chicago and opened a law office. While walking around Chicago after a night out with fellow lawyer, Bob Frank, Paul was impressed that Frank was friendly with many of the shopkeepers. He had not seen this kind of camaraderie among businessmen since being back in his small town. With the ever-lurking want for fellowship, Paul set out on a mission to bring together like-minded business professionals with diverse backgrounds who could exchange ideas, form meaningful lifelong friendships, and do good by giving back to their communities. On February 23, 1905, the first-ever Rotary meeting took place. To date, there are over 35,00 Rotary clubs in more than 220 countries with a global network of 1.2 million business and professional leaders who volunteer their time to serve their communities and the world. Here at the Northern California Community Blood Bank, we are fortunate to have two Rotarians among us, both members of different clubs. Ask any Rotarian, and they'll tell you that they're Rotarians for the exact reason Paul Harris intended it 120 years ago: fellowship, camaraderie, and service. In a time when life is busier than ever, Rotarians consistently show up and put service above self. The Eel River Valley is fortunate to have two outstanding Rotaries: Fortuna Sunrise Rotary, founded 30 years ago, and Fortuna Rotary, established 98 years ago. Sunrise Fortuna Rotarian, Hailey Simera, Operations Manager at ERV wanted to host a blood drive at the Gene Lucas Community Center and since both Rotary's have strong ties to the GLC and the Eel River Valley Foundation our recruitment team came up with the idea of a friendly competition between the Fortuna Sunrise Rotary and Noon Rotary. The goal was to determine how many donors would participate from each club for the chance to win a custom redwood trophy and major bragging rights. Ultimately, the Fortuna Sunrise Rotary brought in the most donors and took the trophy by a landslide. Their trophy is being kept at the GLC until next year, where they will once again compete, with the end goal of serving their community by donating much-needed, life-saving blood.



Donor, Employee, Pet and Sponsor Spotlight

Donor Spotlight: Amy Bohner

Amy Bohner is a whole blood donor, passionate about donating regularly, and has now become a Northern California Blood Bank blood drive sponsor. While donating on the bloodmobile, Amy had a great conversation with her Donor Care Specialists, Andreas and Tristan, where they came up with a creative and unique way to host a mobile blood drive. Having always wanted the bloodmobile parked outside her business, she excitedly incentivized the blood drive to engage with the community and boost participation. Amy, alongside her husband Steve, owns and operates Alchemy Distillery in Arcata, California. In 2023, they opened the Boldt Tasting Room, where they exclusively host guest chefs for kitchen takeovers. They have pop-ups once or twice a month that are by drop-in only. Amy knew that the individuals waiting in line to enjoy that evening's cuisine paired with their signature cocktails made from their Boldt spirits would be the perfect opportunity to collect blood donations. Amy is offering a complimentary mocktail to be given after donation. This blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th, from 2-6 pm. There will be a pescatarian dish prepared by Chef Amy Cloninger.



Employee Spotlight: Kendall Ludtke



Kendall Ludtke has been working at the Blood Bank for nine years this July. Starting as a Phone Recruiter, then Lab Assistant, Kendall proved to be an asset and she quickly grew into a leadership position. As Laboratory Operations Manager, Kendall's key tasks include meticulously following company policies and procedures and AABB, FDA and State laws, regulations and standards at all times, collaborating with the Technical Director in the evaluation and supervision of staff, daily operations, assisting in the maintenance of a sufficient inventory of blood and blood components at all times, coordinating with Laboratory Project Specialist to oversee process validation for new equipment, products and processes, communicate with Quality Assurance staff as necessary to clarify and resolve regulatory questions. Yes, it's a big job with a lot of responsibility and Kendall does it all while displaying a positive attitude and enthusiasm every day. More recently, Kendall has taken on the role of Safety Officer. An essential part of keeping our staff and donors safe. There has been a noticeable change in safety awareness and preparation with Kendall in charge. I think the Blood Bank as a whole shares an appreciation for her elevating the seriousness, importance, and implementation of our safety procedures. In her free time, she really enjoys hiking and spending time with friends and family. Lastly, because our Blood Bank employees all have their own unique flair and fashion, I'd like to mention that Kendall is always so well put together, and her cute sense of style is notable.

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Donor, Employee, Pet and Sponsor Spotlight Continued

Pet Spotlight: Rascal "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole."

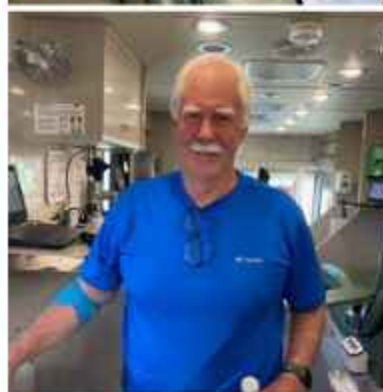


Jo Anna Ow, Director of Administrative Services, recently lost her good friend and companion, Rascal. Jo Anna shared on Facebook, "Rest in peace, Rascal, the greatest of all time. He was strong and agile, so fast and courageous. He would never be found without a ball, and he could always be found protecting his people and his property. Rascal loved everybody, except the UPS man, but especially the kids. He loved the kids, and they loved him. They could trust him. And he really did sleep next to them so he could keep the bad dreams out of their bedroom at night. He was a fierce lover and protector, and he was best alongside the kids wherever they were. He leaves behind his best friend, Shawnee,

his life partner and k9 bestie, Rodeo, and the boss, Lollipop. He is once in a lifetime. He had cancer. We will never forget him, and today it feels like I can't live without him. 06/29/12-05/13/25" Here at the Blood Bank, we are a group of individuals who truly care deeply about animals, and our animals are our family. Our hearts go out to Jo Anna, her family, and all Rascals' doggie compadres.

Sponsor Spotlight: Del Norte Battle of the Badges

The Blood Bank would like to recognize the many departments that continue to show up and support our annual Del Norte Battle of the Badges blood drive. In the past five years, we have collected 105 units of blood on behalf of the men and women who serve to keep our community safe. For the second year in a row, Crescent City Fire and Rescue brought in the most donations and will keep the Del Norte County Battle of the Badges trophy at their station. It takes time, dedication, and enthusiasm to put together a successful blood drive. We owe a huge shout-out and thank you to Josh Clemons with Del Norte County Search and Rescue. He had big shoes to fill with Kathy Williams retiring, but he pulled it off, and we had a very successful blood drive. With Josh's help, we were able to see 25 donors and collect 20 units of much-needed, life-saving blood for our community.



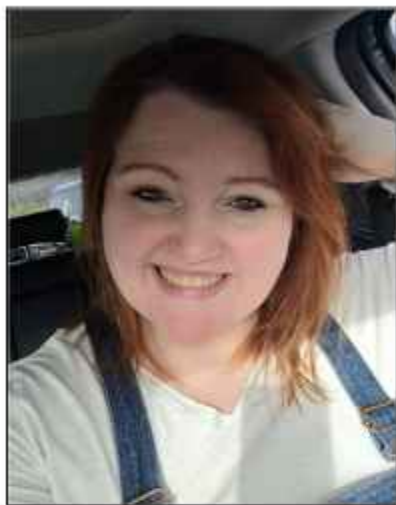
"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Martha Buss. Martha started donating blood in March of 2000 and became a dedicated volunteer in 2020. Martha was a valuable member of our team and could often be found in the canteen caring for donors. Martha was fun, fearless, and lived her life to the fullest. A favorite story of Martha's adventurous nature was her going skydiving with her daughter at the age of 85. Martha was also a tough lady who would tell you like it was. A great example of her strong spirit was when she first met LeRoy, a regular and very well-known donor here at the Blood Bank. They were chatting it up, and she mentioned her high school reunion was coming up, and unfortunately, her ride had canceled. LeRoy offered to give her that ride after 5 minutes of talking with her. She declined, telling him, "I don't think so!" He wasn't going to charm her that quickly. They soon met again outside the Blood Bank and became more than acquaintances, passing by one another at the Blood Bank. It was always a delight to see them coming in together and hearing about their adventures. Martha was a 14 gallon blood and platelets donor. She impacted and saved the lives of 42 people in need and spent countless hours over the years caring for donors. Even while in the hospital, Martha made sure to tell LeRoy to come save lives at the Blood Bank. The Northern California Community Blood Bank would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Martha's family and friends. She will be missed.



"It was truly a pleasure to work alongside Martha. I'm grateful for all the time and attention she shared with us and her fellow blood donors. I particularly enjoyed watching her romance with LeRoy bloom in recent years. She was a special person." - Kate Witthaus, CEO

New Employees



Clinical Laboratory Scientist

My name is Patience. I have been a Clinical Laboratory Scientist for 8 years. Blood bank was my favorite subject in school, and continues to call to my heart as I explore the profession of laboratory sciences. I was born in Ohio and then moved to Kansas/Oklahoma border when I was a teen. I came to Eureka as a traveling healthcare worker during COVID after exploring some more northern parts of the PNW.

Humboldt is really special, and it seemed to call out to me like home. My partner and I love the beach and the redwoods. This summer will hopefully be filled with lots of fun memories of camping excursions, river adventures, and road trips with lots of

carpool karaoke. At home, you can find me playing math games (the best kind of video game), reading, or watching movies on the couch with my cats. I also am an avid gym goer and recommend everyone get up and move to stay heart healthy. I'm glad to be part of this local community team, and can't wait to make an impact here at NCCBB and see more of the community. One of my favorite projects at work have always been adding some art to the laboratory. I have attached my latest drawing, and I hope to add more murals around the Blood Bank for all my new coworkers to enjoy.



Donor Care Specialist

My name is Grace, and I'm excited to start my journey as a phlebotomist at the Blood Bank, where I get to combine my passion for healthcare with helping others in a hands-on way. Outside of work, I love traveling. Peru holds a special place in my heart for its vibrant culture, breathtaking landscapes, and warm people. At home, I'm usually out exploring with my beagle, Pearl. I genuinely enjoy connecting with people and hearing their stories, and I'm looking forward to making a difference here and learning from everyone along the way!



New Employees Continued

Lab Assistant

It's no surprise Trevyn was born in the "friendly city," and when you meet him in person, you will instantly know why. His smile can be seen a mile away, and that smile is just the cherry on top. Trevyn is kind and endearing, and that's exactly the kind of person we want on our team here at the Blood Bank. Trevyn, alongside siblings Travis, Tiara, Taryn, Treyton, and Tyren, grew up here in Humboldt. Being one of six siblings, it's likely his upbringing that influenced his easy-to-approach personality.

There's an undeniable draw to the outdoors here on the Pacific North Coast, and Trevyn takes full advantage of all things that our unique region and climate have to offer, with hobbies like backpacking, skimboarding, snowboarding, and gardening. When it comes to gardening, you either have it or you don't, and Trevyn has it—that being a green thumb. Trevyn enjoys tending to his outdoor garden, house plants, and cacti. There's no doubt that if Trevyn isn't working or studying, you can find him outside.

One thing we Blood Bankers as a whole have in common is the love of our animals. They're all unique and different, ranging from Kodiak's rat to Sierra's pig. I'm happy to share that Trevyn, too, has a pet; pictured below is Kodak, Trevyn's one-month-old albino leopard gecko.

Looking ahead to the future, Trevyn would like to establish a career in medicine and healthcare. He has been considering radiology technician school or further pursuing education and certifications to continue working in a clinical lab setting. He is currently in school, doing online courses through CR and OIT, looking to complete his Liberal Arts Science degree by next year.



Administrative Specialist

For over ten years, Humboldt has been home. Aleigh moved here in 2014 to attend Humboldt State University, and my husband, Devin, and I now live in McKinleyville with our nearly two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog, Tina (affectionately called "Teeny," "Beanie," or "Tina Bo-Beana"), and our fluffy grey cat, Nermal.

Before settling on the North Coast, Aleigh grew up in Three Rivers, California, right by Sequoia National Park—home to the magnificent *Sequoiadendron giganteum* (the "other" big trees to our local *Sequoia sempervirens*!). My professional path is deeply rooted in public service. With a bachelor's degree in Art History/Art Education and a minor in Studio Art, I've found true purpose working for non-profit organizations.

Travel is also a significant part of my life, especially since a large portion of my family resides in Victoria, Australia, providing wonderful excuses to explore. My mother instilled this love of travel in me early on; she was working on a sailboat in the Caribbean, swimming with giant manta rays, while pregnant with me (0-8 months), and when I was an infant, we spent the summer of 1989 in Berlin, just before the wall fell. My ultimate happy place is snorkeling in the tropics—it's my all-time favorite escape and a constant daydream. When I'm not dreaming of clear blue water, pufferfish, sea turtles, and spending time with my best friend on the Big Island, you can find me mushroom hunting, enjoying peaceful forest bathing, or indulging my lifelong obsession with water. This includes everything from the Mad River in spring and early summer, and the Smith River in late summer and fall, to the beautiful beaches of the North Coast.

I've been donating at the NCCBB since about 2017 and have always admired the organization's commitment to the community and friendly atmosphere. When I saw the job posting for this position, I knew it would be a perfect fit!





Upcoming drives to look forward to!



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8TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BADGES BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 11TH - 15TH



**MAIN EVENT:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH
AT THE BLOOD BANK
BBQ FROM 12PM-7PM**

Agency with the most donations receives the highly coveted hand-carved redwood trophy. This drive is open to the community. Please visit our website for bloodmobile schedule and Blood Bank hours.

**BEAR RIVER
CASINO RESORT**

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

AUGUST 21ST AND 22ND



**GIVEAWAYS
INCLUDES:
HOTEL STAY
FIGHT TICKETS
DINNER AT
RIVERS EDGE
AND MORE!**

DICK TAYLOR CRAFT CHOCOLATE BLOOD DRIVE

Tues, July 15

11am - 5pm

333 1st Street, Eureka



**"The only thing
better than
chocolate is
saving lives!"**

**ALTRUISM
IS A
LIFESTYLE
CHOICE.
BE THE
REASON
SOMEONE
LIVES.**

Seventh Day Adventist

Redwood Camp Meeting



**DONATE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIVES!**

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**July 29th - 31st
10am - 4pm**

**2437 Dyerville Loop Rd,
Redcrest**

For questions about donating blood please call
707-443-8004 or visit nccbb.org



North Fork
Lumber Company



ARE HOSTING A
BLOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH
11AM TO 4PM
LOGGERS PALACE
KORBEL, CA.



Prizes for the
fastest &
slowest donors
of the day!



ALCHEMY DISTILLERY
& boldt

ARE HOSTING A
BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, JULY 19TH
2PM-6PM
324 SOUTH G ST. ARCATA

Enjoy a pescatarian dish prepared by Chef Amy Cloninger



Enjoy a
complimentary
mocktail to be
given after
donation!

BATTLE OF THE HOSPITALS SUPERHEROS NEEDED!



Sutter
Sign-up



Sutter Coast:
800 E Washington Blvd,
Crescent City
Tuesday, August 5th
11am -4pm

RMH
Sign-up



**Providence
Redwood Memorial:**
3300 Renner Dr, Fortuna
Wednesday, August 6th
10am -4pm

STJH
Sign-up



Providence St. Joseph:
At The Blood Bank
2524 Harrison Ave, Eureka
Wednesday, August 6th
8am -7pm

 **Providence**

St. Joseph Hospital

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 **Sutter Health**
Sutter Coast Hospital

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 **Providence**

Redwood
Memorial Hospital

JOIN US FOR
FUN & FOOD!
SUPERHERO COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED!
BBQ FROM 12-7PM

HAND-CARVED
TROPHY GIVEN
TO WINNER!



Winner
would be
based off the
% of
employees
vs # of
donations.



DONATE BLOOD
AT THE
2025 COMMUNITY
HEALTH FAIR

Blood Drive

Saturday, July 26th
9:30am- 2pm

Beachfront Park

1001 Front St.

Sponsored by:

Mary Dorman, State Farm Agent



Please use
QR Code
to make an
appointment.
Walk-ins
welcome.
Appointments
given priority.



New Heights-Plateaus

Celebrating Community Members Reaching Blood Donation Milestones

March

3 Gallons
Robert Harr
Rick Harris
Ken Heinbockel
Andrew Jones
Logan McKenna
Lela Wheeler
4 Gallons
Brandie Callender
Bob Ducate
Richard Hernandez
Dana Mason
5 Gallons
Bill Hogoboom
Mary Hull
6 Gallons
David Bustamante
Robert Hansen
Carl McGahan
7 Gallons
Danny Burns
Lewis Caldwell
Mark McKenna
8 Gallons
Bill Anderson
Claudine Springman
Chris Vanarsdale
Beverly Ward
9 Gallons
Roxanne Golich
Dick LaForge
10 Gallons
Tim Mueller
Gregory Powell
11 Gallons
Peter Bansen
Paul OConnor
Desma Williams
12 Gallons
Art Christen
Ed Holgersen

14 Gallons
Catherine Lafleur
Tim Salamunovich
Kathleen Sartorius
15 Gallons
Penelope Petroske
17 Gallons
Je Michael
18 Gallons
Cathy Canepa
Bear Winkle
19 Gallons
Terry Raymer
21 Gallons
Barbara Walser
23 Gallons
Byrd Lochtie
25 Gallons
Richard Stringham
27 Gallons
Robert Sherman
55 Gallons
Dal Lemmon
57 Gallons
Gene Joyce
113 Gallons
LeRoy Murrell

April

3 Gallons
John Maxwell
Suzanne McClurkin-Nelson
Bradley Nelson
Matthew Owen
Joshua Rodrigues
Kylee Savio
Avery Silver
Terri Vromanlittle
4 Gallons
Martin Anderson
Sarah Boyd
Jessie Bugbee
Randy Flevars
Roxanne Haatvedt
Linda Wise
5 Gallons
Ann Burroughs
Cecil Giulieri
Sharon Griesbaum
Jacky Hewins
Eava Young
6 Gallons
Anne Hartline
Leanza Rose
7 Gallons
Hannah Crabb
Ron Hill
Heather Hulbert
John Praytor
9 Gallons
Marc Chaton
10 Gallons
Sherrie Hanson
11 Gallons
Jace Baldosser
Tom Gill
12 Gallons
Jared Zystro
15 Gallons
Julie Rausch

23 Gallons
Douglas Foster
28 Gallons
Kathleen Cross
Becky Giacomini
33 Gallons
Ray Jerland
39 Gallons
Carole Beaton
46 Gallons
George Frey
54 Gallons
Jeffery Conner
57 Gallons
John Zeck
81 Gallons
Bruce Stephens

May

3 Gallons
Eli Begley
Steve DeMarino
Phil Franklin
Malia Vansant
4 Gallons
Jaime Christopher
George Luks
Brenda McKenzie
Alexandria Sullivan
5 Gallons
Kyle Ferreira
William Hanson
SR
Suni Killfoil
Doug Kotterman
Cynthia McAuley
6 Gallons
Jashawn Fields
Abigail Fillman
Mary Melvin
Maria Ortega
Teri Savelli
7 Gallons
Mark Burdick
Jim Clark
Jeffery Dayton
Marcella May
Alan Richmond
Kathryn Sattler
8 Gallons
Andrew Cockburn
David Gross
Lawrence McNeil
Kelsie Sobol
9 Gallons
Chris Whitworth
10 Gallons
Mickey Barsanti
11 Gallons
Patrick Reed

13 Gallons
Jeff Keller
14 Gallons
Ray Doyle
Dennis Kelley
Eric Nelson
Susan Rydz
15 Gallons
Lynda Gleave
17 Gallons
Kate Witthaus
18 Gallons
Winston Papstein
19 Gallons
Ted Stewart
21 Gallons
Jeffrey Wahlund
22 Gallons
Jeffery Lindsey
24 Gallons
Walter Shelley JR
26 Gallons
David Iversen
28 Gallons
William McGoldrick
Ralph Miller
33 Gallons
Ryan Wortman
Bob Werner
37 Gallons
Gary Rieman
42 Gallons
Todd Sobol
53 Gallons
Mack Owen

Congratulations to our Blood Bank employees who have recently reached new heights!

3 Gallons- Logan McKenna, Donor Services Specialist
3 Gallons- Bradley Nelson, Registered Nurse
3 Gallons- Kylee Savio, Donor Care Specialist
4 Gallons- Alexandria Sullivan, Administrative Specialist
17 Gallon- Kate Witthaus, CEO

Blood Drive Sponsors

Thank you to all our generous sponsors!

March

Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Dept
Cal Poly Humboldt
Changing Tides
College of the Redwoods
Eureka High School
Ferndale High School
Fortuna Vol Fire Dept
George Peterson Ins
Hoopa Valley High School
Hydesville Community Church
McKinleyville Shopping Center
Miller Farms Nursery
North Coast Co-Op Arcata
Pacific Outfitters
Pelican Bay State Prison
Pierson's Building Center
Rays Food Place - Fortuna
Redwood Capital Bank - Fortuna
Redwood Memorial Hospital
Rio Dell Community Resource Center
Safeway - Arcata
Safeway - Fortuna
Safeway - Crescent City
Seventh Day Adventist Church - Fortuna
So. Hum Health - Garberville
Trinidad Community/ Civic Club
Vocality Community Credit Union - Garberville
Walmart - Crescent City
Wildberries Market Place
Willow Creek Community
Zoe Barnum High School

April

Cal Poly Humboldt
Cal Trans
California Conservation Corps - Fortuna
City Hall - Eureka
College of the Redwoods
ERV Community Center Foundation
Eureka Mall
Eureka Natural Foods - McKinleyville
Eureka Open Door Clinic - Eureka
Farmers Market - Arcata
Ferndale Veterans Hall
Fieldbrook Fire Department
Fortuna Community Health Center
Fortuna High School
Humboldt Open Door Clinic - Arcata
Hunter, Hunter, & Hunt LLP
Mad River Community Hospital
McKinleyville Family Resource Center
McKinleyville High School
McKinleyville Shopping Center
Murrish Market - Hydesville
Paul's Live from New York Pizza - Fortuna
Rays Food Place - Fortuna
Rio Dell Community
Safeway - Arcata
Safeway - Crescent City
Safeway - Fortuna
Samoa Air Field
Six Rivers Brewery - McKinleyville
Social Services - Eureka
South Fork High School
United Indian Health Services
Walmart - Crescent City
Wildberries Market Place

May

Arcata Co-Op
Arcata High School
Battle of the Badges - Crescent City
Blue Lake Rancheria
Falafelove
Farmers Market - Arcata
Ferndale High School
Fortuna Community
Highline Nursery
Hoopa Valley High School
Humboldt County Office of Ed.
Humboldt State University
Hydesville Community Church
Lost Coast Communications
McKinleyville Shopping Center
Old Town
Paul's Live from NY Pizza - Fortuna
Pelican Bay State Prison
Pierson's Building Center
Premier Financial Group
Providence Redwood Memorial
Rays Food Place - Fortuna
Rays Food Place - Garberville
Redwood Capital Bank - Eureka
Rio Dell Community Resource Center
Safeway - Arcata
Safeway - Crescent City
Safeway - Fortuna
Safeway - McKinleyville
Seventh Day Adventist - Eureka
Soroptimist of Humboldt
St Bernard High School
Sutter Coast Hospital
Tractor Supply - Arcata
VA Clinic
Walmart - Crescent City
Walmart - Eureka
Wildberries Market Place

Summer Break

As we enter into summer, we must remember that the need for blood doesn't take a vacation, and summer break for our Blood Bank can be a more difficult time to collect blood. There are two specific reasons for this: a break from our high school blood drives, which account for a larger portion of our collections, and the inability to park our bloodmobiles at College of the Redwoods and Cal Poly Humboldt. The loss of our local high school and college students over the summer makes a huge impact on the total amount of blood that is readily available. Please remember that patients in need of your life-saving blood don't get a summer break. Just because you're out of school doesn't mean you should stop donating blood. Please visit our website to find our Blood Bank hours and bloodmobile schedule.