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Save a Life this Summer – Give Blood

KALAMAZOO, MI, June 1, 2009 – Graduations, picnics, reunions, swimming and vacations all add to the anticipation and fun of summer. The Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross urges you to put one more thing on your list of summer vacation preparations: **Give Blood Now!** The need for blood donors is never higher than it is during the summer months, when vacations and travel schedules may keep donors from their regular donation schedule.

Trends indicate that **blood donations** statewide may **drop by 10 to 15 percent** from Memorial Day through September. In previous years, supplies of **Type O** have dropped to critically low levels, with a day or less available for transfusion. Just last Friday, May 29, levels of **Type O negative** blood had dropped to below one day. The American Red Cross considers a three-day supply of blood safe and adequate for meeting the ongoing and emergency needs of hospital patients, with five to seven days optimal for responding to disasters.

To encourage consistent donations, the chapter will hold 35 blood drives throughout its four county service delivery area in the month of June. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good general health. Listed below is the community blood drive schedule for Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph counties for June 2009. The schedule is subject to change; please call 353-6180 to confirm dates and times.

Kalamazoo County

Mon., Jun. 1,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Bronson Gilmore Center, Kalamazoo	Appts: www.givelife.org
Mon., Jun. 1,	10:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.	KRPH, 1312 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo	Appts: www.givelife.org
Mon., Jun. 1,	2:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.	Portage Fire Dept., 7830 Shaver Rd.	Appts: www.givelife.org
Tue., Jun. 2,	11:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	Friendship Village, Kiva Room, 1400 N. Drake Rd.	
Tue., Jun. 2,	10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Dana Corp. 6938 Elm Valley Rd.	Appts: www.givelife.org
Give a Pint, Get a Pint of Culver's Frozen Custard!			
Tue., Jun. 2,	11:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	WMU College of Health, 1240 Oakland Dr.	Appts: www.givelife.org
Thu., Jun. 4,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	"O" Drive ARC, 5640 Venture Ct.	Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0
Mon., Jun. 8,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Portage Community Cntr. 325 E. Centre	Appts: 1800-448-3543
Tue., Jun. 9,	10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Kalamazoo Brd. Of Realtors, 5830 Venture	Appts: www.givelife.org
Wed., Jun. 10	Noon-5:45 p.m.	North Park Reformed Church, 1316 Barney Rd., Kalamazoo	
Thu., Jun. 11	Noon-5:45 p.m.	ARC, 5640 Venture Ct., Kalamazoo	Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0
Thu., Jun. 11	1:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Portage Free Methodist Church, 1715 W. Centre	Appts: 1800-448-3543

Fri., Jun 12,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Borgess Fitness Cntr., 3025 Gull Rd.	Appts: 1800-448-3543
Fri., Jun. 12,	11:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m.	WMU Draper-Siedschlag Hall	Appts: www.givelife.org
Mon., Jun. 15,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Westwood Church of God, 811 Gorham Ln., Kalamazoo	Appts: 1800-448-3543
Wed., Jun. 17,	10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.	Oshtemo Township Hall, 7275 W. Main St.	Appts: 1800-448-3543
Sat., Jun. 20,	10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Council, 1011 Maple St.	Appts: 1800-
448-3543			
Mon., Jun. 22,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Borgess Health Alliance, 1701 Gull Rd.	Appts: 1800-448-3543
Tue., Jun. 23,	10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	KVCC, 6767 West O Ave.	Appts: www.givelife.org
Thu., Jun. 25,	1:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.	ARC, 5640 Venture Ct., Kalamazoo	Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0
Mon., Jun. 29,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Gull Lake United Methodist Church, 8640 Gull Rd., Richland	

Allegan County

Tue., Jun. 9,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Douglas Community Church, 6780 Wiley Rd., Douglas
Tue., Jun. 16,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	St. Margaret Catholic School, 736 South Farmer St., Otsego
Thu., Jun. 18,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Plainwell Community Center, 798 Bridge St., Plainwell
Thu., Jun. 25,	11:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.	Allegan General Hospital, 555 Linn St., Allegan
		Appts: 686-4231 or www.givelife.org
Tue., Jun. 30	1:00p.m.-6:45 p.m.	Martin United Methodist Church, 969 E. Allegan St., Martin

Cass County

Fri., Jun. 19,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Holy Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, 210 N. Front St., Dowagiac
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St. Joseph County

Fri., Jun. 5,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Mendon United Methodist Church, 320 West Main St., Mendon
		Appts: 1-800-448-3543
Mon., Jun 8,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Sturgis Wesleyan Church, 907 N. Nottawa
Tue., Jun. 9,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Firm Foundation Ministries, Route M-86, Centreville
Thu., Jun. 11,	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Sturgis Hospital, 1001 Walker St., Sturgis
Sat., Jun. 20,	10:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.	St. Joseph Catholic Church, 16603 Route 12, White Pigeon
		Appts: 1-800-448-3543
Mon., Jun. 22	Noon-5:45 p.m.	Pioneer Hi-Bred Intl., 1365 South Washington St., Constantine
Wed., Jun. 24,	11:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m.	JoCo Center, 805 Wood Street, Three Rivers