



**American  
Red Cross**

Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter  
*Serving the people of Allegan, Cass, Kalamazoo  
and St. Joseph Counties*  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**

### May: A Month for Celebration and Renewal!

**KALAMAZOO, MI, - April 22, 2008** – Since ancient times, May has symbolized fresh new life sprung from the earth, the renewal of nature and has provided many reasons to celebrate. May Day, Mother’s Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Graduations, all good reasons to celebrate May. The American Red Cross urges all eligible persons to also celebrate the merry month of May by taking time to donate blood before a busy summer begins. Renew your pledge to help save lives by donating blood this month. Boosting blood supplies now will help ensure adequate supplies going in to the summer vacation season.

There are 29 public blood drives scheduled throughout the Chapter’s four-county service area in May. Nearly all are walk-in, with no appointment needed (exceptions are noted). The schedule is subject to change and donors may call the Chapter office to confirm dates, times and locations of the blood drives.

#### **Kalamazoo County – May 2008**

Thur., May 1	8 am-1:45 pm	Galesburg/Augusta High School, 1075 N. 37 <sup>th</sup> St., Galesburg.
Thur., May 1	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter “O”Drive, 5640 Venture Ct. <b>Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0</b>
Thur., May 1	1-6:45 pm	Portage United Church of Christ, 2731 West Milham Rd.
Fri., May 2	10:30 am-4:15 pm	Calvary Bible Church, 855 South Drake Road
Mon., May 5	Noon-5:45 pm	Bronson Gilmore Center for Health Ed., Jasper St
Thur., May 8	Noon-5:45 pm	Lake Center Bible Church, 805 E. Osterhout Rd.
Thur., May 8	8 am-1:45 pm	Comstock High School, 2107 North 26 <sup>th</sup> St., Comstock
Thur., May 8	Noon-5:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. <b>Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0</b>
Fri., May 9	8 am-1:45 pm	Kalamazoo Central High School, 2432 N. Drake Rd.
Mon., May 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Portage Community Center, 325 E. Centre St.
Mon., May 12	Noon-5:45 pm	Parkview Hills Clubhouse, 3707 Greenleaf Circle,
Wed., May 14	11:30 am-5:15 pm	Climax-Scotts High School, 372 South Main St., Climax
Wed., May 14	1-6:45 pm	Second Reformed Church, 2323 Stadium Dr.
Wed., May 14	Noon-5:45 pm	Kalamazoo College, Anderson Athletic Center, Academy Street.
Fri., May 16	1-6:45 pm	Lakeland Reformed Church, 10442 Sprinkle Road, Vicksburg.
Fri., May 16	Noon-5:45 pm	Kalamazoo Missionary Church, 5045 E. Michigan Ave., Comstock

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Mon., May 19	Noon-5:45 pm	Westwood United Methodist Church, 538 Nichols Rd.
Wed., May 21	1-6:45 pm	Westwood Christian Reformed Church, 620 Northampton Rd.
Thur., May 22	1-6:45 pm	ARC Chapter House, 5640 Venture Ct. <b>Appts: 353-6180 ext. 0</b>
Fri., May 23	11 am-4:45 pm	WMU: Bernhard Center, West Michigan Ave.(in textbook alley)
Wed., May 28	Noon-5:45 pm	Borgess Health Alliance 1701 Gull Road,

**Allegan County – May 2008**

Sat., May 10	9 am-2:45 pm	Hopkins Elementary School, 400 Clark St., Hopkins.
Thurs., May 15	Noon-5:45 pm	St. Stanislaus School, 1871 136 <sup>th</sup> Street, Dorr
Tues., May 20	Noon-5:45 pm	First Baptist Church of Wayland, 3514 12 <sup>th</sup> St.
Sat., May 24	8 am-1:45 pm	Sandy Pines, 2745 136 <sup>th</sup> St., Hopkins
Thurs., May 29	Noon-5:45 pm	Griswold Auditorium, 401 Hubbard St., Allegan

**Cass County May 2008**

Mon., May 19	1-6:45 pm	Edwardsburg American Legion Post, US 12, Edwardsburg
Tues., May 27	1-6:45 pm	St. Ann Catholic Church, 421 North Broadway, Cassopolis

**St. Joseph County May 2008**

Thur., May 15	8 am-1:45 pm	White Pigeon High School, 410 East Prairie Street
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**About the American Red Cross:**

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and counsels victims of disasters; provides nearly half of the nation's blood supply; teaches lifesaving skills; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization – not a government agency- and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information on the Greater Kalamazoo Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, please visit [www.greaterkzooredcross.org](http://www.greaterkzooredcross.org).*