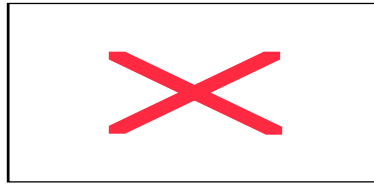


## **MEDIA ALERT**



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### **Cascade Regional Blood Services Honors Blood Donors and Blood Drive Coordinators at Third Annual Event; Celebrates 60 Years Serving the Community**

Thursday, February 9 Cascade Regional Blood Services will host over 400 donors, blood drive coordinators and volunteers at the third annual appreciation event. Guests are invited to the Tacoma Art Museum from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. The Reverend David Alger will give the invocation at 7:00pm and several recipients and donors will also speak to the attendees. Speakers include: Tomika and Tatiyana Harris, Kaelen Nelson, DeMar Davis, and Ron Robertson who have special recipient and/or donor stories to share.

The blood center is also celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year serving the community. A history display will be available at the museum complete with photographs, advertisements, stories and newspaper clippings from the past 60 years.

Some 2005 donation and blood center facts:

- Over 40,000 visits were made by donors to our collection sites (branches and bloodmobiles) in Pierce and South King County last year.
- Our donors supplied over 39,000 units of blood and blood products during 2005 to these hospitals: Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma General, St. Clare, Allenmore, St. Francis, and Good Samaritan.
- High schools and college students supplied nearly 25% of the blood supply last year.
- Last year, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital performed over 100 pediatric heart surgeries; our donors supplied blood and blood products that supported many of those surgeries.

- Grants, underwriting and donations pay for our blood mobiles, many equipment needs and special events.
- Founded in 1946 as Tacoma-Pierce County Blood Bank, the name was changed to Cascade Regional Blood Services in the mid-1990s to better reflect the range of services we offer.

The event is entirely underwritten by: Baxter Transfusion Therapeutics, Bruce Titus Automotive Group, Byrne Specialty Gases, Chiron Corporation, Dwyer Pemberton Coulson PC, GAMBRO BCT, Haemonetics, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, Tom Taylor Insurance Brokers and Terumo.

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Rev. David Alger



Kaelen Nelson



DeMar Davis and Maria Johns-Davis



Kaelen Nelson



Ron Robertson, & daughter Karina



Christine Swinehart, Cari Dixon, Dan Schmitt, of CRBS.



Aaron Williams speaking with Federal Way blood drive coordinator Scott Hayes and his wife.



Donors listen to the evening's speakers.