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CASCADE REGIONAL BLOOD SERVICES' WHOLE BLOOD DONOR REACHES 40 GALLONS

Joel Stumph donated his 40th gallon of whole blood on June 10, 2008. He has been a dedicated donor most of his life and has become a well-known face around Cascade Regional Blood Services (CRBS).

Stumph began donating 54 years ago this July because a friend at work simply asked him to. He says he has continued to donate because he knows people need the blood.

“It is easy to do and it doesn’t bother me. The more I donated the more it became a challenge to see how much I could give,” he commented.

Over the years Stumph has encouraged others to donate too. He once inspired a friend from work, Bob Annon, to make a donation, which lead him to become the top pheresis platelet donor with CRBS. They “worked together at the phone company,” Bell Telephone, at the time, according to Stumph.

“I asked fellas at work, what would you do if you were in the hospital, or your child was in the hospital, and no one donated blood? I told them it is just a little pin prick, you get stuck more than that by blackberries while working in the garden.”

CRBS CEO Christine Swinehart said “Joel Stumph is a hero because his donations have helped to save many lives. His contribution and positive attitude toward donating are valuable assets to our community. He has touched countless lives and is appreciated for his passion.”

Cascade Regional Blood Services’ mission is to provide a constant, safe and cost-effective supply of blood and blood components to the communities we serve and to provide other health services within the capabilities of our staff.

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