

Press Release

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Labor Supports State's Only Labor-Sponsored Blood Bank

Seattle, WA – At the 2002 Annual Labor Day Celebration, that was presented by the King County Labor Council and held at Woodland Park in Seattle, the state and county labor leaders urged union members to support the only labor-sponsored blood bank in the state – Cascade Regional Blood Services (CRBS), headquartered in [Tacoma](#).



Charlie Drummond, President and CEO of Cascade Regional Blood Services, meets with Steve Williamson, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO; at the Labor Day picnic held at Woodland Park. Cascade Regional Blood Services is the only union-sponsored blood bank in the state.

“We are pleased that Cascade Regional Blood Services brought their largest bloodmobile to the picnic,” said Nancy Young, the President of the Executive Board of the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, in addressing the hundreds of labor leaders, politicians, family and friends who were gathered at the Labor Day celebration. “Let’s support them with volunteer [blood donations](#) today and as they begin testing for new, potential [bone marrow donors](#).”

Her comments were similar to those of Steve Williamson, the Executive Secretary Treasurer of the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, who also addressed the crowd at the Labor Day event, “This is the first year we’ve had the bloodmobile here, so let’s keep them busy, they deserve our support.”

In response to the encouragement of the labor leaders, more than 26 new volunteers responded to the CRBS blood drive and bone marrow registry which used the 5-bed bloodmobile that remained on-site throughout the day.

CRBS was founded in 1946 as a joint effort of organized labor, area doctors and other concerned citizens who recognized the need for a safe, consistent supply of local blood for area patients.

Since that time, the non-profit organization has evolved into the primary resource for South King County, Pierce County and in the neighboring communities for blood, blood products and related services.

This past year, CRBS was named as the outstanding “Employer of the Year” in Pierce County in the small, non-profit employee category.

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