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MEDIA ALERT

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Blood Center Expands; Makes Changes

Cascade Regional Blood Services, your community blood center, in its continuing efforts to better serve donors, announces several changes for the fall.

Beginning Friday, October 6, the Federal Way location will open at 7:00am Fridays (the office used to open at 10:00am). "Adding these hours will provide more convenient opportunities for our donors to donate in the area," said Dan Schmitt, Director of Donor Resources.

November 1, 2006, the Puyallup office will offer the Pheresis platelet program on Fridays. Adding an extra day will provide more opportunities for donors to provide platelets in the East Pierce County area, which will better serve the hospital needs. The Pheresis platelet program is currently in place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The blood center and blood donors continue to support St. Francis hospital in Federal Way, Good Samaritan in Puyallup, Tacoma General, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, St. Joseph Medical Center, St. Clare Hospital, Allenmore, and several others.

- Tacoma Center - 220 South I Street (across from Wright Park) 253-383-2553
- Federal Way Center - 33505 13th Pl. South (near the Federal Way Chamber) 253-927-0540
- Puyallup Center - 205 15th Ave., SE (Behind Jason's Restaurant on Meridian) 253-841-4236

Thank you for donating blood. Your donation saves lives.

Cascade Regional Blood Services mission is to provide a constant, safe, cost effective supply of blood and blood components to the communities it serves.



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Your Community Blood Center!