

Press Release

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Cascade Regional Blood Services Honors Blood Donors and Blood Drive Coordinators at Second Annual Event

Wednesday, February 9, 2005 - Over 250 donors, blood drive coordinators and volunteers were honored by Cascade Regional Blood Service's board and staff at a second annual recognition event. The Washington State History Museum was the venue. The Reverend David Alger gave the invocation and James Billingsley, M.D. (past medical director at the blood center) was the guest speaker at 7:40pm.

The event that honors long-time and frequent donors and volunteers, coincided with the Smithsonian's September 11 'Tragedy' exhibit – which made the evening more meaningful for donors and staff. Thousands of donors volunteered to donate those days (September 11 and 12).

Some 2004 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 38,000 units of blood and blood products during 2004.
- High schools and college students supplied over 25% of the blood supply last year.
- Last year, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital performed over 150 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.
- We were founded in 1946 as Tacoma-Pierce County Blood Bank.
- We are a not-for-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. A President/CEO and Senior Management Team oversee our day-to-day operations. There are over 110 employees and many, many volunteers.

The event was entirely underwritten by: Baxter Transfusion Therapeutics, Haemonetics, Roche, Terumo, and Bruce Titus Chevrolet.



Christine Swinehart CRBS CFO/COO, a donor and CRBS President/CEO Charles Drummond.



Donors and volunteers at the event.



The Lunch Bunch (donating together for nearly 20 years) at the event.

Cascade Regional Blood Services' locations are open Monday through Saturday. Call 1-877-24BLOOD for an appointment or to find the nearest blood center or blood drive in your area.

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