

Press Release

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50 GALLONEER CLUB - RON CRELLING

“I’m really surprised that only 5% of the population donates for the whole community. I’m on a mission to get others to donate too.” Ron Crelling started donating in earnest in 1962 (he started donating in 1958 after enlisting in the army) when a neighbor’s daughter had Leukemia. At that time, a donor could direct his or her donations to a specific cause or person. That’s not the case today.

Ron recently celebrated 40 years of [donating](#). “I donate for the community and I donate for me,” said Crelling. “ In 1982, he began donating pheresis instead of whole blood. He’s been donating every two weeks since that time and he hasn’t missed an appointment yet. His goal is to donate 75 – 80 gallons.

Ron really believes in the community blood bank. He worked as our voluntary maintenance person for five years. You can’t get more dedicated than that!



Ron Crelling shows off his collection of donor cards which date back to 1962.