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You make a difference!
The American Red Cross is so grateful for our partnership with Hillsboro Presbyterian Church

Your commitment to host a blood drive with the Red Cross truly made a difference helping to boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need!

PATIENT NEED GOAL: 20
RESULTS : 26 LIFESAVING UNITS COLLECTED!

Selfless? Check! Helpful? Check! Inspirational? Double-check! You have all the qualities we need to see more of in this world. Thanks so much for your contribution. Just one small act from you has helped us to help many.

The best part is your blood is already on the way to hospitals locally and across the country. 20 - 60 patients may be receiving the gift of life in the next few days and weeks. If it weren't for sponsors and volunteers like you, patients like Megan's husband would not have the treatments they need to fight cancers and other illnesses, I've attached her story below!

Thank you on behalf of all the patients that you have helped and all those you are about to help.

Recipient Story:

Spotlight

Megan Serke is an American Red Cross blood and platelet donor. In her own words, here's why she gives:

"I've only been donating blood since 2022. I think I donated maybe twice before that, but I started in 2022 regularly.

"I just donated platelets for the first time for my birthday this year. I wanted to challenge myself with something new and thought that would be a great way. I have my next appointment set up for December.

"I now will continue to donate both blood and platelets as often as I can because I now realize how important it is in aiding to save someone's life. My husband caught COVID in 2021 and was hospitalized for a year. He ended up needing a double lung and liver transplant. Over his course of complications, he received over 150 blood products.

"It feels so good to donate the gift of life, literally. To know I'm helping to save someone's life. What greater good can you do, for free?! I now know how important it is, and I'm so grateful to those who donate as it helped save my own husband's life!

"When I hosted my first dedicated blood drive, I explained exactly that to everyone who came. I'd venture to think the majority of people don't understand how important it is until they find themselves in a life-altering situation, such as we did."

