

The Edward J. Miller, Sr.

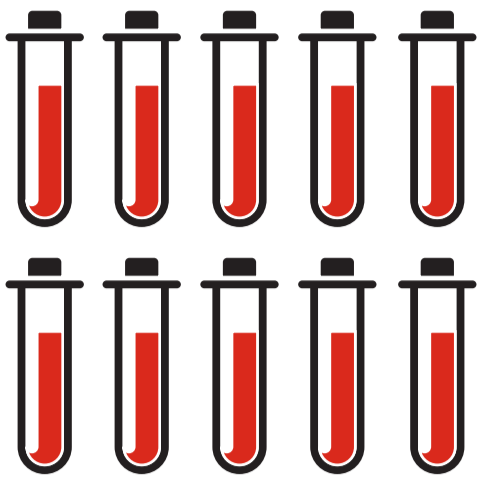
BLOOD DONOR CENTER

collects thousands of blood and platelet donations every year and provides essential services for Children's National patients.

MAKE A LIFESAVING DONATION TODAY



Children's National



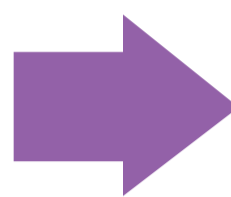
The average person has **8-12 pints** of blood in their body



When you donate whole blood, you only give one pint of blood

One pint of blood can be used for as many as

4-5 children



WHO NEEDS BLOOD?



premature babies

patients with sickle cell disease

patients who need surgery

patients with cancer & blood disorders

1 out of 20 people need a blood donation at some point in their lives. You, or your child, could be one of them.

EACH YEAR THE BLOOD DONOR CENTER COLLECTS:

~ **3,500** whole blood donations

~ **500** platelet donations



EACH WEEK, WE NEED:

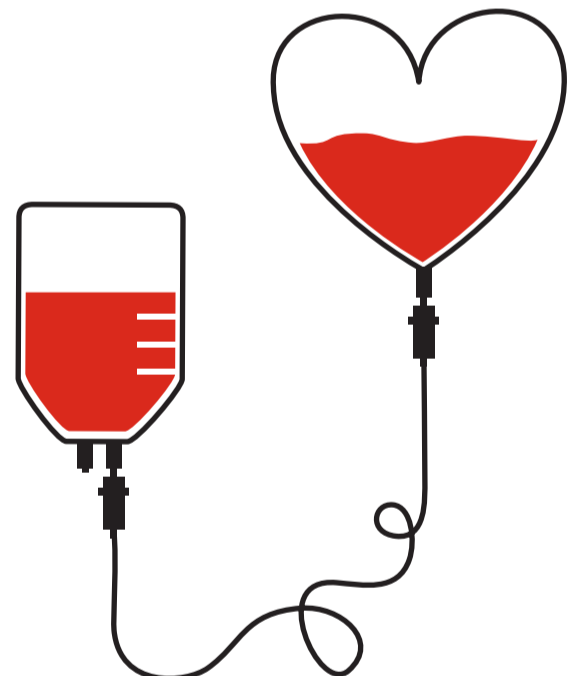
100 whole blood donations

35 platelet donations

TRANSFUSION BUDDY PROGRAM

What It's All About

Some children, such as patients with sickle cell disease, need blood regularly but tend to develop antibodies and 'reject' their transfusions. The Transfusion Buddy program matches children and donors to provide blood closely 'matched' to the patient and makes finding compatible blood for future transfusions easier.



BECOME A TRANSFUSION BUDDY!

If your blood is a match for a particular child, you could be asked to donate blood according to your eligibility and your buddy's transfusion dates.

The approximate amount of time the entire blood donation process takes

30-35 minutes

Did You Know?

You can donate every:

56 days **WHOLE BLOOD**

14 days **PLATELETS**

NEW DONATIONS are needed constantly

Blood cannot be created. It must be donated.



HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday
7 AM to 4 PM

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday
7 AM to 4 PM

To schedule a blood drive, call **202-476-KIDS (5437)**.