



Quick Facts

- ✿ Marshall Community Blood Center's goal is to ensure all citizens in El Dorado County have access to the safest possible human blood and blood components whenever the need should arise.
- ✿ Marshall Community Blood Center bank needs individuals and companies to host blood drives.
- ✿ At least 250 pints of blood must be collected each day in order to maintain a stable blood supply.
- ✿ Nine out of ten individuals will need a blood transfusion at some point in their lives. 80% of us will need blood by the age of 75.
- ✿ One pint of blood can save the lives of three people.
- ✿ The most common blood type is "O" but all blood types are needed.
- ✿ Giving blood is fast, safe and simple. You get a free mini physical each time you give blood.
- ✿ Platelets are a component of whole blood, which helps blood coagulate.
- ✿ Individuals who have leukemia and other forms of cancer need platelets.
- ✿ Individuals needing bone marrow transplants may require up to 120 units of platelets.
- ✿ Platelets, which only last for five days, need to be replenished daily.
- ✿ Individuals can donate up to six times a year.
- ✿ Red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 days. Therefore, blood donations are needed on a regular basis.
- ✿ The only source of blood for Marshall Hospital is the volunteer community blood donor.
- ✿ Your body has approximately 10 – 12 pints of blood. Your body will replenish that lost pint.

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