



LIFE CONNECTION

A PUBLICATION ABOUT BLOOD DONATION AND THE GOVERNORS' CHALLENGE BLOOD DRIVES
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**Blood donation
saves lives.**

**Ask Tate and
Paxton.**



Blood Donation in Times of Crisis

During major disasters, such as the recent hurricanes, is when blood centers see the greatest outpouring of support from the public. However, it is not the donor who responds to a crisis that saves the day. Rather it is the donor who came in days earlier, before the crisis occurred, who provides the blood that is actually on the hospital shelves



to be used at the time of an unexpected disaster. Having a safe and ample blood supply from donors who give frequently is the best preparation for a crisis – whether it is a catastrophic event like 9/11 or a patient's private battle against cancer. Routine blood donors are the safeguard and are needed every single day.

Who can donate?

It is estimated that **60%** of the American population is eligible to donate blood, however, only **5%** do.

From Lady Vamp Kay King...

Happy New Year and Happy Bloodletting, my fellow Rotarians. May your veins prosper with good blood throughout this new year. This holiday season has kept our community blood centers very busy with blood shortages.

Thank you, Rotarians, for saving the lives of those whom otherwise would not have seen this new year.

BLOOD CENTER CONTACTS

Fort Worth Area, Mid-Cities and all other areas not listed Brenda Horn at Carter BloodCare (817) 412-5378, bhorn@carterbloodcare.org
Abilene Area Clubs Frances Baker at Meek Blood Center(325) 670-2799, fbaker@hendrickhealth.org
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ASK A DOCTOR

QUESTION: I am a six-year breast cancer survivor. Will I ever be able to donate blood?

ANSWER: Good news. Following scientific review by the American Association of Blood Banks, the blood donor criteria for breast cancer patients has changed.

Now, breast cancer survivors who have maintained a clean bill of health from their physicians for a minimum of five years, with no recurrence of the disease, are now eligible to give blood.

1 out of every 3 people will need blood during their lifetime.

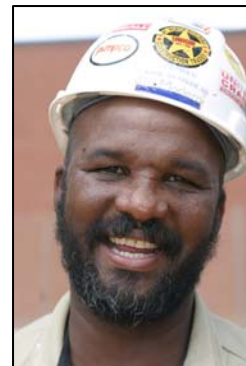
Every Two Seconds Someone Like You Needs Blood

Each year, over 4.5 million people receive a life saving transfusion. In less than one hour, giving blood could mean a lifetime for someone in need. Consider these stories:

-In 2001 Tony injured his head while working on a construction site. Along with 14 stitches on his head and 10 on his face, Tony received two pints of blood.

-Brothers Tate and Paxton were born with a genetic disorder that required a bone marrow transplant. With donated marrow from their sister and dozens of blood transfusions, each boy received a lifesaving transplant before his first birthday.

-Darla received a rare double lung-heart transplant. During the surgery, she needed several pints of blood. She now volunteers at blood drives and donation centers to give back to the community that saved her life.



Blood donation saves lives.

Ask Tony and Darla.



Help our local blood centers by asking:

- What can we do to help improve existing blood drives?
- Which companies are not holding blood drives that our club members could contact?
- Which area schools are not holding blood drives that your club members could contact?

Your local Chamber of Commerce will have names of the companies in your area .and can inform you of any festivals or other events to be held where your club might help arrange a blood drive.

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Tenth Annual Challenge April 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005

25 or fewer	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cisco Rotary Club	187 / 20	9.35	6.33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decatur Rotary Club	93 / 26	3.58	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iowa Park Rotary Club	75 / 21	3.57	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eastland Rotary Club	39 / 20	1.95	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hamlin Rotary Club	30 / 18	1.67	4.38
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colleyville Rotary Club	23 / 22	1.05	1.94
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sanger Rotary Club	5 / 17	0.29	3.13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Wednesday Rotary Clu	3 / 16	0.19	0.33
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Sunset Rotary Club	2 / 11	0.18	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Hills Rotary Club	1 / 7	0.14	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Colony Rotary Club	15		
<input type="checkbox"/> Southlake Rotary Club	23		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Horizon Rotary Clu	6		
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Ray Roberts Rotary Club	16		

Sum 458 / 238 = 1.92

26 to 50	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mansfield Sunrise Rotary Club	237 / 30	7.90	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stamford Rotary Club	100 / 26	3.85	1.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Azle Rotary Club	86 / 45	1.91	1.42
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brownwood Rotary Club	43 / 32	1.34	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lewisville Morning Rotary Clu	22 / 40	0.55	1.07
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington North Rotary Club	14 / 35	0.40	1.06
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Sunrise Rotary Club	11 / 38	0.29	0.36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mid-Cities Pacesetters	7 / 43	0.16	1.29
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth East Rotary Club	3 / 33	0.09	0.20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington South Rotary Club	2 / 26	0.08	0.48
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mineral Wells Rotary Club	3 / 45	0.07	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Southwest Rotary C	2 / 32	0.06	0.93
<input type="checkbox"/> Arlington West Rotary Club	36		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth North Rotary Club	27		0.15

Sum 530 / 488 = 1.09

51 and greater	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mansfield Rotary Club	136 / 49	2.78	1.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burkburnett Rotary Club	66 / 54	1.22	2.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lewisville Rotary Club	41 / 62	0.66	0.23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Fort Worth Rotary Cl	41 / 84	0.49	0.10

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEB Rotary Club	25	64	0.39	1.22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls Rotary Club	27	92	0.29	0.45
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denton Rotary Club	19	96	0.20	0.26
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keller Rotary Club	8	54	0.15	1.18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Rotary Club	9	88	0.10	0.04
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abilene Southwest Rotary Club	5	66	0.08	0.08
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Rotary Club	32	572	0.06	0.12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flower Mound Rotary Club	2	68	0.03	0.05
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great Southwest Arlington Rot	1	57	0.02	0.06
<input type="checkbox"/> Graham Rotary Club		121		

Sum 412 / 1527 = 0.27

Prior Winner Category	Units / members =	Ratio	Prior Year's Ratio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls North Rotary Clu	447 / 36	12.42	26.10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nocona Rotary Club	174 / 17	10.24	7.09
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burleson Rotary Club	423 / 61	6.93	1.60
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breckenridge Rotary Club	142 / 23	6.17	5.50
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crowell Rotary Club	93 / 16	5.81	6.13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haskell Rotary Club	125 / 22	5.68	7.60
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weatherford Rotary Club	605 / 114	5.31	3.45
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dublin Rotary Club	127 / 27	4.70	4.32
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coleman Rotary Club	79 / 17	4.65	3.91
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metroport Rotary Club	80 / 32	2.50	3.25
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bowie Rotary Club	65 / 30	2.17	2.59
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephenville Rotary Club	57 / 37	1.54	2.43
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Granbury Rotary Club	44 / 29	1.52	1.62
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleburne Rotary Club	152 / 107	1.42	1.15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth South Rotary Club	88 / 78	1.13	1.58
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Rotary Club	154 / 143	1.08	0.89
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denton South Rotary Club	25 / 41	0.61	9.19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gainesville Rotary Club	40 / 79	0.51	2.76
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grapevine Rotary Club	18 / 84	0.21	2.39
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vernon Rotary Club	5 / 48	0.10	0.28
<input type="checkbox"/> Wichita Falls Southwest Rotary		19	2.17

Sum 2943 / 1060 = 2.78

District 5790 Totals 4,343 / 3,313 = 1.31 1.48
 District Total Since 1996 = 32,426

Check mark indicates pledged participation