



Rotary-Rotaract “Perfect Gift” Blood Drive was a HUGE success!!

Our first ever Rotary-Rotaract joint Blood Drive was a HUGE success! Thank you to all Rotarians and Rotaractors who participated. We had a total of 46 participants turn out at the American Red Cross which included Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their guests. There are also several other Rotarians who participated in other ways which included financial donations, supplying food and beverages, and also scheduling separate donation times outside of our event. While there are always a portion of blood donors that are deferred due to various medical reasons – over 80% of our donors were actually able to donate blood. That equated to nearly 37 pints of blood in total, which the American Red Cross estimates can save up to 111 lives!

The American Red Cross informed us that due to our efforts, they exceeded their daily donation goal and considered our blood drive to be extremely successful. A few notable accomplishments of the day. Our group was the first in Red Cross history to ever bring in live entertainment for the donors as they were giving blood. It was very enjoyable and we received numerous compliments and praise for making the donation process so much more fun and exciting! Thanks to our performers Fernando Terango, CHS Interact Club members Parker Zubuch and Nick Skinner of Park Brothers Band, and Alex Renbarger –another CHS student. They were phenomenal! Additionally, our Clubs were featured in a news article on WANE TV – News Channel 15. <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/rotary-rotaract-clubs-host-blood-drive>

Thanks to Rotarian Richard Gripp and the local service committee for suggesting and approving this project. Also special thanks to Rotaractors Allie Braun and Jeremy Redding for their leadership on this joint service project. The Rotaract Club really took charge of this project and we were able to see firsthand how beneficial it can be when our two clubs work together.