Bob, a successful and respected attorney, needed donor blood to survive surgery that arrested pancreatic cancer

"Everything changed on September 19, 2006. Nothing has ever been the same since that day when, sitting across from my surgeon, I was told that I had pancreatic cancer. I had six days to close my law practice of 35 years. I sold everything. But I was grateful that I was able to get care and did not have to stand in line for it. I knew that early diagnosis and the speed that the cancer was removed had everything to do with my outcome."

"I only needed three units of blood during the surgery but my doctor had 11 or 12 units available in case I had needed it. I am aware that donors do not get paid for giving blood but I am forever grateful for everyone who is willing to donate blood. Without it, I would not have survived."

Bob Cater, three years later.