Larry Johnson
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Larry, the owner of an asset management firm and part time vocalist and acoustic & bass guitar player, began donating whole blood with the Florida-Georgia (FL-GA) Blood Alliance a number of years ago. The staff of the Alliance pushed him to donate platelets biweekly instead of whole blood bimonthly. His initial response was "Who has that sort of time, right?"

When a friend of his entered into cancer treatments that could possibly have required platelet and plasma transfusions, he became a platelet donor immediately and claims he has never regretted it. The donor center he uses offers Wi-Fi access, so he said he don't even miss time in his office while he was donating.

Larry claims that making a positive difference matters to him and states

> *"what better way to make a life giving difference than with donating blood products? Rich and poor alike have the same gifts to give, and rich and poor alike have the same needs to be filled. I imagine that my eight gallons (and counting!) of donated blood products have helped someone somewhere."*