Rotary Blood Drive
Valentine Nebraska

Valentine Nebraska has a long history of blood donation. Red Cross workers have to travel 260 miles (420 kilometers), round trip, by car to come to the small city of Valentine, Nebraska, USA, when the Valentine Rotary Club has a blood drive every two months.

Valentine - nicknamed America's Heart City - has a population of less than 3,000 inhabitants. In spite of the distance, the American Red Cross sends personnel to Valentine to carry out the professional bleed of the donors and bring the blood back to the city of North Platte in neighboring Lincoln County, where the nearest blood bank is located.

Valentine Rotary Club began sponsoring local blood drives in January 2003. The blood drive in Valentine has become a social gathering. Donors love getting together with their friends and neighbors, giving blood and sitting down to visit over a cup of orange juice, and a sandwich or a cookie. .

Pictures:
Bob Stetter donating blood
Jessica McGinley giving blood with Kimber at her side