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About the Great Lakes Region

- **The Great Lakes Region** collects blood from volunteer donors in **63 counties** across Michigan. The Region distributes blood and blood products to **70 hospitals** in the state.
- **The Region stretches 213 miles**, from **Lake Huron** to **Lake Michigan**; and from the **Ohio** border 360 miles north to **Sault Ste. Marie** and the **Canadian border**. About **5-million** people live in the Region. Anyone of them could need blood at anytime.
- Last year, the Great Lakes Region collected about **180,000 units of blood** from volunteer donors. From this blood, the Region manufactured over **450,000 blood products** and helped save thousands of lives — across Michigan and across America.
- **The Region employs nearly 400 staff members, and operates with a budget of about \$30 million.** Staff members work at the Regional facilities 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year to answer any emergency — anytime, anywhere. We also work with **20 Red Cross Chapters** across the state of Michigan.
- Our workers include: nurses, phlebotomists, laboratory technicians, secretaries, telephone recruiters, truck drivers, packers, schedulers, computer operators, managers, and many more. **Working together, we are all part of the American Red Cross**, the most-recognized symbol of life-saving in the entire world.
- Staff members of the Great Lakes Blood Services Region will drive cars and trucks about **2-million miles per year** collecting and delivering blood products across Michigan. On average, we coordinate **15 to 20 blood drives each business day** with volunteer sponsors.
- This year, we'll serve over a **quarter million glasses** of fruit drinks to help donors refresh themselves after donating blood. And, best of all, we also will offer those donors more than **850,000 cookies every year**.
- **We're extremely proud of our volunteer blood donors.** Their generosity and desire to help save the lives of their fellow Americans is the real reason the Red Cross has been so successful as the **steward of America's blood supply for over 50 years**.

**Join the American Red Cross Blood Services
in its vital, life-saving work.**

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