



Do you know these facts?

- Volunteer blood donors are the **only** source of blood products for hospital patients.
- Approximately **20%** of the blood used in the U.S. is donated by students.
- **1** blood donor could save as many as **4** lives with a single donation.
- Each unit of blood is divided into its component parts -- **platelets, plasma, and red cells.**
- **All** donated blood is tested for transmitted diseases.
- You **cannot** contract the HIV virus or any other infectious disease by donating.
- **4** million people need blood every year. That's one patient every 12 seconds.
- In Michigan hospitals use about **2,000** units of blood products DAILY...**that's about 1-unit every 43-seconds.**
- The average blood transfusion is **3.4** units (*pints*) of blood.
- The average adult has **10-12** units of blood. A newborn baby has one CUP.
- People are eligible to donate blood every **8** weeks.
- **97%** of the population will have received a blood transfusion by age 75, yet only **5%** of the population donates.
- **22%** of patients are over the age of 65. They use **52%** of blood transfused.
- Patients who suffer from sickle cell anemia, cancer, heart disease, leukemia or other major illnesses may need blood transfusions to **survive.**
- Healthy donors must be at least **17 years** old, and weigh at least **110** pounds.

Together, we can save a life
Please give blood
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