

**GIVE BLOOD:
LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE YOU CAN MAKE!**

- There is no substitute for blood. It cannot be manufactured. It is the gift of life that only human beings can give one another!\
- Each year, more than 4 million Americans depend on blood transfusions for their very lives. The only source of this blood is volunteer blood donors!
- By the age of 75, almost everyone will have used blood. If you expect blood to be there when you need it, then volunteer to give blood to help others now!
- Blood can be stored on hospital shelves for only 42 days, so a constant supply of blood is vital to saving lives.
- One blood donation can be separated into several components. Platelets help clotting and are often used for leukemia patients; red blood cells carry oxygen and are often used to treat anemia; plasma is often used to treat bleeding from liver disease and other injuries; cryoprecipitate contains blood clotting proteins and is often used to prevent bleeding.
- The human body averages 8-11 pints of blood, so it's easy to spare just one. You can save someone's life by donating a pint of blood!