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2024 PRODUCT AND DONOR ELIGIBILITY DATING CALENDAR

25
YEARS

FRESENIUS KABI

National Blood Donation
Hall of Fame



**FRESENIUS
KABI**

caring for life

Celebrating a quarter-century of giving

Through the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame, we have the privilege of sharing inspiring stories of people who demonstrate exceptional commitment to helping others. On this special 25th anniversary year, it feels appropriate to look back at how and why this program began.

As part of our work, we visit blood centers across the country and meet with the dedicated professionals who devote their life's work to supporting patient care by collecting blood for their communities. Over the years, one common thread in all our conversations has been the incredible generosity of donors, volunteers, and advocates.

We hear stories of people who give not just their blood, but their time, skills, and energies to the cause. And these stories in turn fuel our own passion to support you and all those who protect and strengthen America's blood supply.

Within Fresenius Kabi, we strongly believe your stories should have a national platform to recognize the vital contributions of this community of heroes, and we hope our work inspires others to join you.

In 1998, we created the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame. Each year, from the many nominations we receive, we select 12 new inductees – one for each month

of the year – although in some years, the number of submissions has been so overwhelming we've expanded the inductee class. To date, we've been proud to honor more than 300 individuals and groups, representing blood centers all across our nation.

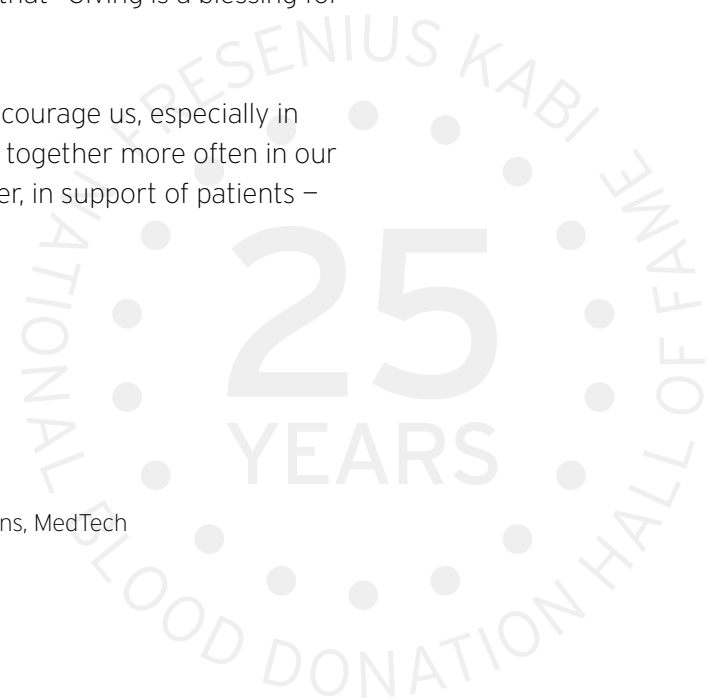
Our 2023 inductees look very much like those who have come before – from all walks of life, of all ages, including one of our oldest-ever and youngest-ever honorees. This year, we've been particularly pleased to find many who see supporting blood donation as not only a means of giving back, but as a source of new friendships and mentors, a way to put professional skills to work for the community, a place to share life's experiences and lessons, and even as an opportunity to gather for a big party (sometimes, with costumes). They remind us, in the words of one inductee, that "Giving is a blessing for the recipient—and the donor."

We hope their stories serve to encourage us, especially in these challenging times, to come together more often in our communities, shoulder to shoulder, in support of patients – and one another.

Sincerely,



Dean Gregory
President, Global Commercial Operations, MedTech
Fresenius Kabi





They call me the
'gift that keeps giving'!

Sherman A. Hirsch

NOMINATED BY

American Red Cross | North Platte, NE

For the better part of his 92 years, Sherman Hirsch has been giving back to his country and his community. He served in the Korean War and upon his return, brought his energy and experience to a wide range of local volunteering programs – from ringing bells for the Salvation Army to participating in Kiwanis projects that helped to construct playgrounds, the Iron Horse Park, and a homeless shelter.

In 1990 Sherman added donating whole blood to his long list of activities. At the time, he was working as a Social Studies and Biology teacher, and a coworker suggested it. He quickly became a regular, visiting the North Platte American Red Cross center twice a month, even after long school days. When he retired in 1995 – by then a Superintendent – he found himself with a lot more time on hand, and switched to platelet donation. To date he has donated more than 800 times – more than 1,560 units!

Sherman continues to bring a smile to everyone's faces when he enters the center, every two weeks, without fail. He brightens the center with his joyful presence – and with inspiring stories about the amazing things he's had the opportunity to see and do.

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- 42 day red cell dating
- ▲ 56 day whole blood donor deferral
- ◆ 112 day 2RBC donor deferral



**No one ever became
poor from giving.**

Scott and Samantha Baker

NOMINATED BY

OneBlood | Fort Myers, FL

Scott Baker had always been afraid of giving blood, but after his dad passed away in 2010, Scott and his wife, Samantha, decided to start donating annually on his father's birthday – Valentine's Day – as a way to honor him and his service in the Marine Corp. In 2018, when they went to the OneBlood center, they were shocked to learn that only two other people had been in – despite the Parkland school shooting earlier that day that had left so many people injured and needing blood.

That was the moment they knew they wanted to do more for the cause. Scott, a water district superintendent, and Samantha, a general manager of a ballroom gown manufacturer, tapped their incredible network to help them navigate the process of setting up a blood drive, collect raffle prizes from the local business community, and get the word out. The event was a huge success – no surprise for two “born party planners”, well-known for their love of bringing together friends, food, and fun. To-date they've hosted six of their now-annual drives – helping to save more than 1,000 lives – and they have no plans of stopping. “Giving back in this way just comes naturally to us.”

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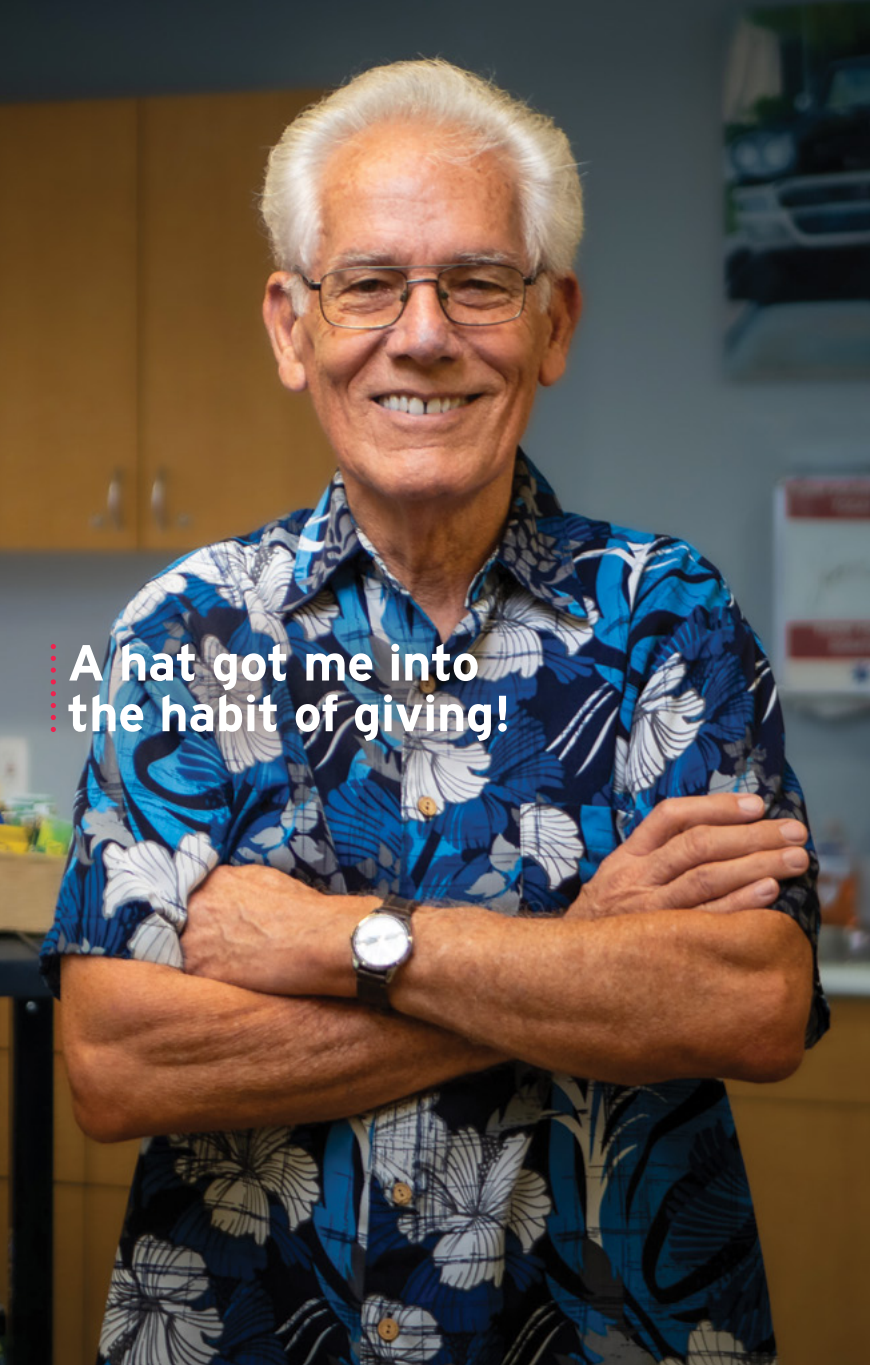
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**A hat got me into
the habit of giving!**

Jim Walker

NOMINATED BY

San Diego Blood Bank | San Diego, CA

In 1968, when Jim Walker's wife Linda was pregnant, she found out she was anemic. Jim immediately joined the San Diego Blood Bank Stork Club that focused on donations for newborn babies and pregnant mothers. But he jokes that early on he really was motivated by the hat he would get for donating 10 gallons. By the time he reached his goal, he had gotten into the habit of going in every eight weeks. He's been giving ever since – more than 50 years and a total of 170 gallons! He says "it's a matter of learning to find the time, so that it becomes part of your routine...It's a good thing that I'm fortunate enough to do it, because it's a habit that helps others – and we all need help."

For the past 12 years Jim has also volunteered weekly at the center, at drives, and at special events, offering a smile, a laugh, and snack to everyone who stops by. His positive nature and cheerful attitude ensures that every donor he meets has an exceptional experience. He carries that same joyful spirit to his work with Optimist International, an organization that focuses on youth development and support – and to his bowling game!

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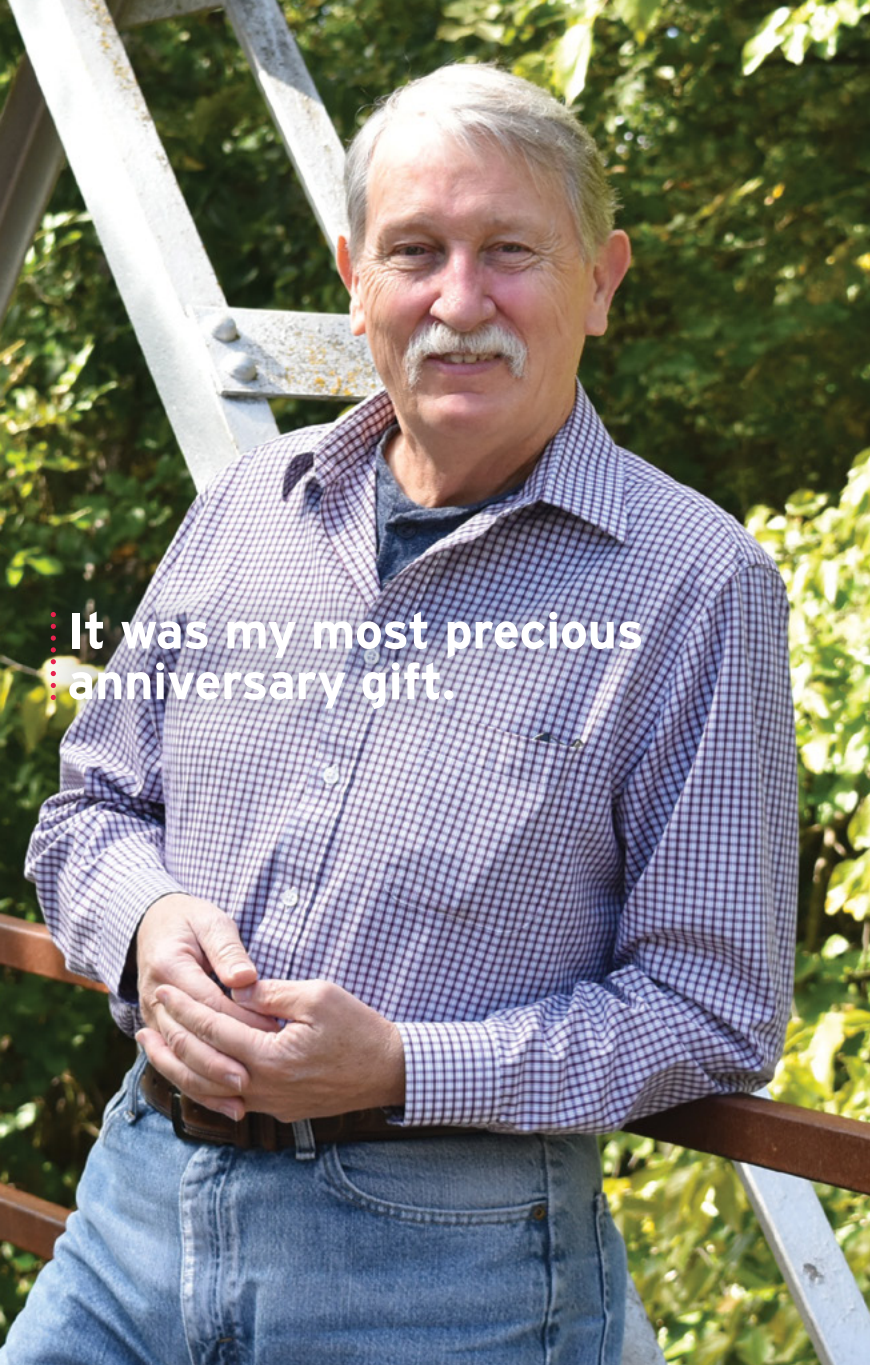
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March



It was my most precious anniversary gift.

Kirk Hunter

NOMINATED BY

Carter BloodCare | Bedford, TX

Diagnosed with aggressive lymphoma in 2011, Kirk Hunter received a series of platelet transfusions that saved his life – the most memorable one an emergency transfusion that had to be performed on his 25th wedding anniversary to his wife, Maureen.

Prior to his illness, Kirk, a college chemistry professor, didn't even know that chemotherapy patients needed transfusions. But following his firsthand education as a platelet recipient, he's made it a personal mission to raise awareness, inspire donors, and show gratitude for "the entire team of folks who make this precious resource safe and available".

He and Maureen have shared their experience as guest speakers and as part of a video series for Carter BloodCare's website, social media feeds, donor centers and mobile drives, newsletters, and more, and his story has helped to reach hundreds of thousands of people. His selfless volunteerism and emotional appeal genuinely moves audiences – including a high school student who wrote, "Kirk showed me I can make a difference. Because of him, I went to give blood the very next day. I'll keep giving as long as I can."

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I enjoy helping people
get out of scrapes.

Larry Turner

NOMINATED BY

Solvia Blood Center (formerly Community Blood Center) |
Dayton, OH

Larry Turner started donating blood in 1966, when he was in college, working nights at NCR. "We went to the old auditorium and donated up on tables," he said. "We roughed it back in those days!" He's never stopped giving; now 76, he averages one plasma and two platelet donations a month. He donated throughout the Covid epidemic, despite the risk factors of the illness for a person his age, and he recently passed his 800th donation. He's served on the Dayton Community Blood Center's first apheresis advisory board, joined the bone marrow donor program, and even captained "Life Leaders" teams at NCR and Holy Trinity Church.

Well-known as one of those people "you could call at 1:00 am", in an emergency, it's no surprise that Larry served in the Army Reserves and has been a Red Cross disaster response volunteer, working to help those both far away and close to home. In his down time, he can be found in his shop, nurturing his passion for woodworking or relaxing with his wife, Linda, and their children and grandchildren. "But if I can help, that's what I do. I just show up... As long as I can, I'll keep doing that."

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I have found that
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Yvonne Dauterive

NOMINATED BY

LifeServe Blood Center | Des Moines, IA

Yvonne Dauterive was a regular blood donor for many years; having received blood on a few occasions herself, and having had a niece who passed away from leukemia at age three, she knew how important the blood supply was. When she retired from the chaotic world of IT, she felt she “had to do something more for the greater good of all people and to honor my niece.” So for the past two years, Yvonne has given more than 500 hours to LifeServe, delivering blood products to local hospitals and picking up and packaging food donations, each multiple times a week.

Yvonne has an incredible work ethic and, drawing on her past professional experience, happily shares knowledge or makes suggestions that improve how things are done – and always with an abundance of energy that brightens everyone’s days. But most importantly, Yvonne loves, and takes great pride in, being part of the blood donation community, “I was looking for a place that was welcoming. Many of the people in the hospitals, in the labs and other volunteers, I now call friends.”

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You make giving grow!

AABB and Fresenius Kabi are proud to sponsor the 19th annual Blood Collectors Week. The week is designed to recognize the skill and dedication that blood center teams bring to creating positive, productive donation experiences. It is your efforts that make giving grow, ensuring the necessary blood components are available to all patients in need, every day and everywhere.

We hope you, your colleagues, donors, and communities will join us in this important celebration.



Register your center, get tools and tips to plan the week, share your stories, and voice your support by scanning the QR code or visiting bloodcollectors.org [X@bloodcollectors](https://twitter.com/bloodcollectors)



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Supporting fellow donors –
that's time well-spent!

Darlene Olson

NOMINATED BY

Rhode Island Blood Center | Providence, RI

Darlene began donating whole blood at Rhode Island Blood Center in 1983 and then became a platelet donor. To date, she's donated more than 600 times – putting her at the 76-gallon mark!

Additionally, after retiring from her career in engineering in 2018, Darlene joined the center's volunteer team. She's already served more than 1,700 hours, always carefully scheduling around her platelet donation schedule.

Darlene has helped at countless mobile blood drives and donor center, where she welcomes donors and provides support to them and the staff. "If I can ease a donor's anxiety, offer comfort, coach them about iron rich foods, help them better prepare for their next donation and, through education, encourage them to become a lifelong donor, it's time well spent". Darlene adds, "I especially enjoy high school and college drives, offering a little mentoring while I care for the students". She also speaks at the Be The Match national blood stem cell and bone marrow registry and assists with registrations in hopes they may someday be a patient's lifesaving match. Staff and donors alike agree that Darlene is a wonderful, knowledgeable, and helpful team member – a true "rockstar" for the cause.

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- 35 day red cell dating
- 42 day red cell dating
- ▲ 56 day whole blood donor deferral
- ◆ 112 day 2RBC donor deferral



Giving is a blessing for the recipient—and the donor.

Robert L. Sihler

NOMINATED BY

American Red Cross | Pasadena, CA

When Robert Sihler was eighteen, he went to the Pasadena Red Cross Center to donate blood for the first time. He remembers the center then, "It was just 4 small beds, with only travel posters on the ceiling for entertainment. It was thrilling when we got a black and white tv!" 47 years – and more than 1,300 units – later, he's still donating at the same place. Throughout that time, whatever was happening in his own life, Bobby never wavered in his commitment to give. Everyone at the center considers him to be their number one donor as far as donations, dedication, faithfulness, consistency – and heart.

Bobby was one of the first donors to join the Apheresis Program when it started in the 1990s, and he's returned every two weeks because he knows his donation helps patients in need –especially those fighting cancer. He can always be counted on to give extra time to the center, spreading the word about donating through social media, helping the site coordinator, volunteering in the canteen, or supporting the phlebotomists and nurses, and even the national organization. All to make sure the experience of every donor is as positive as possible.

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- ◆ 112 day 2RBC donor deferral



Our success is based
on true partnership.

Pat Henry

NOMINATED BY

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers | Atlanta, GA

In 2002 Pat Henry, the founder and CEO of Dragon Con – an annual gathering for science fiction, fantasy and pop culture fans – invited LifeSouth to hold a one-day blood drive at the convention to help combat anticipated blood shortages over Labor Day weekend. There was little expectation it would have much impact, but more than 20 years later, it's become a wildly successful, 5-day event – some years attracting as many as 3,000 donors. Pat and his wife Sherry make it all possible, ensuring ample space, full staff and volunteer support, and unlimited access to the convention for recruiting.

The drive embraces the spirit of Dragon Con, each year unveiling new themes, free books, custom t-shirts, and cosplay promotions, and Pat actively and enthusiastically promotes the event across the web and social media. He has inspired many to try donating for the first time, while reminding returning donors – many of whom now make donating blood part of their Dragon Con tradition – of the need to donate throughout the year as well. Since its founding, the Dragon Con drive has collected an incredible 40,098 donations, and Pat's advocacy has made countless lifelong donors and provided an immeasurable contribution to the health of our communities.

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- 42 day red cell dating
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- ◆ 112 day 2RBC donor deferral



I send hope and prayers
with every donation.

Scott MacGregor

NOMINATED BY

Vitalant | Folsom, CA

A leader at California Highway Patrol, Scott MacGregor knew professionally how important blood donation was, but in 2013, when his 7-year-old daughter's life was saved by blood transfusions and a bone marrow transplant, the cause became personal. He has since donated more than 260 times – and he thinks of both his thriving daughter and the recipient of his gift of life, every time.

But Scott has taken on a much bigger role in the cause, as a speaker, teacher, and advocate, sharing his family's story to drive awareness and inspire action. He has volunteered hundreds of hours with Vitalant and with Be The Match, leveraged his social media and cycling teams, offered testimony in legislative efforts, and even become a transplant courier, traveling around the world delivering precious cargo. Scott has a particular interest in diversifying the donor base, reaching out to those of all heritages, ethnicities, ages, and socioeconomic status. In all these endeavors, he demonstrates an unmatched level of kindness, meeting people where they are and extending gratitude for their lifesaving gift. As a result, Scott can count thousands of new donors and marrow registrants – and their impact for generations to come – as part of his lasting legacy.

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**I've signed people up
while grocery shopping!**

Nanette Allen

NOMINATED BY

Vitalant Blood Donation | Rapid City, SD

Nanette started donating blood on a whim in 2004, and was immediately hooked. She's now donated more than 60 times with Vitalant, and more than 10 gallons total. Nanette says, "knowing that each time I donate could be life or death for someone has made donating a priority in my life."

In 2007, a long-time donor and volunteer Nanette knew was killed in an accident. Realizing the difference he had made in the lives around him, Nanette decided to honor him by volunteering as a drive coordinator. The first time was in 2012 for a drive at her youngest daughter's school – in part to make sure no one skipped class – and she's continued almost monthly since. Well-known and respected in the community, she's amazing at getting others "hooked" on donating and is a bit relentless at making sure her donors are getting their appointments scheduled. "My husband really doesn't like going anywhere with me, since, without fail, we run into at least one blood donor I have to speak with!" Key to her success is sharing countless stories of local people whose lives were saved because of a blood donor. "When blood donating becomes more personal, the desire to donate increases."

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Donating reminds me
of how lucky I am.

Kelly Robinson

NOMINATED BY

Versiti Blood Center of Illinois | Aurora, IL

At eighth grade graduation, Kelly received a peer-nominated award for outstanding character given annually in honor of a former student who passed away from leukemia. Since then, Kelly has made it her mission to support kids fighting cancer. When COVID cancelled many blood drives, Kelly, too young to donate herself, organized her first drive to ensure patients could get the transfusions they needed.

Since then, Kelly has helped organize 11 drives. With inspired motivation strategies – like committing, for every donor that attended, to purchase a loaf of bread from a struggling local bakery that would be donated to a community food pantry – they've collected a total of 389 units of blood. Kelly's efforts earned an award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which led her to take on that cause as well, conducting an online campaign that raised \$50,000. Her efforts also brought her an invitation to join the Community Advisory Board of Versiti's Blood Center of Illinois. The first teen member ever, Kelly is already making her mark, with a recent presentation to 125 Versiti leaders on ways to improve student participation at high school blood drives. All that, and she still found time to begin donating, when she turned 16!

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- ▲ 56 day whole blood donor deferral
- ◆ 112 day 2RBC donor deferral

Fresenius Kabi is proud to celebrate 25 years of partnering with blood centers to honor the unsung heroes of our industry through the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to blood donation. Blood centers across the country submit nominations from which inductees are chosen annually based on their demonstrated commitment and passion to donating blood and/or encouraging blood donation.

We invite you to nominate a donor or another individual who has demonstrated an unwavering commitment and passion for donating blood and/or encouraging blood donation. Anyone can submit a nomination and there is no limit to the number of nominations per blood center. However, a person may only be inducted into the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame once.

Submit a nomination

RECOGNITION

When inducted into the Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame, there are several ways an individual is recognized:

- At a ceremony held at their nominating blood center where they will receive a personalized award;
- He or she will be featured in the Product and Donor Eligibility Dating Calendar and on our website;
- And, a template news release will be provided to the nominating blood center to promote their story through local media.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2024 Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame are due by June 9, 2024. Send an email with the story of your most inspiring donor(s) to:

info.usa@fresenius-kabi.com

Scan the QR code to learn more about how to nominate a donor.





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