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National Blood Donation Hall of Fame





A CIRCLE OF CARE

When I reflect on our nation's blood supply, I envision a circle of care – people helping people, united by compassion, dedication, and the generosity that helps save and sustain lives

To me, that circle begins with the donors and volunteers who give their time, their skills, but most often, their blood, to helping those in need. The patients who benefit directly from these gifts might be a family or community member, but when their stories of giving are shared, their impact can extend far and wide – because acts of kindness often have an exponential effect, inspiring countless others to participate. This is why, more than 25 years ago, Fresenius Kabi created the National Blood Donation Hall of Fame. Year after year, through this platform, we've been proud to put a spotlight on the selfless contributions of deeply dedicated blood donors and volunteers. Telling their stories is our way of helping to grow the circle of people helping people and we hope you find them as uplifting as we do.

Many of our class of 2024 inductees were themselves inspired to join the blood collection community – whether by hosting events, giving blood, driving supplies, or raising awareness – in response to the actions of others, often on behalf of a family member or friend. This year, we've been particularly pleased to find many who see the need to engage new groups of donors

and volunteers to keep the circle growing, and are championing the cause within Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Asian communities, as well as with younger generations.

In addition to dedicated donors and volunteers, a vast network of professionals works tirelessly every day to support their efforts, creating positive donation experiences and ensuring the circle of giving grows through the power of people helping people. This year, we invite you to join us in celebrating the 20th anniversary of Blood Collectors Week, co-sponsored by Fresenius Kabi and AABB, as we honor the essential role these individuals play in maintaining a safe and steady blood supply for patients nationwide.

Sincerely,

Senior Vice President

Commercial Operations for Transfusion and Cell Therapies

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JUDITH "JUDY" LAMUSGA, ESQ.

"I said right then, 'Oh my God, I'm coming back. This is important."

Judy has been a platelet donor since the early 1980's and averages 20 donations per year – totaling more than 575 donations. Early on in her giving, a nurse told her that a particular donation was going straight from collection to a specific cancer patient at a local hospital – the nurse couldn't share the name, but because of that story, Judy knew she had to keep giving. "Those kinds of connections make you committed to the understanding that if you don't give, it's not going to be there. Someone is not going to receive it, and someone could die."

Beyond her personal donations, Judy has been a lifelong advocate for blood collection. She was an original organizer of her local blood center's recruitment program and was honored with an Award of Distinction in 1998 for her work. More recently, she was part of the delegation that gave testimony in 2018 for legislation establishing January as Ohio's Blood Donor Awareness Month, and in 2022, the University of Dayton Law School honored Judy with the Francis J. Conte Special Service Award in honor of her extraordinary service to the community.

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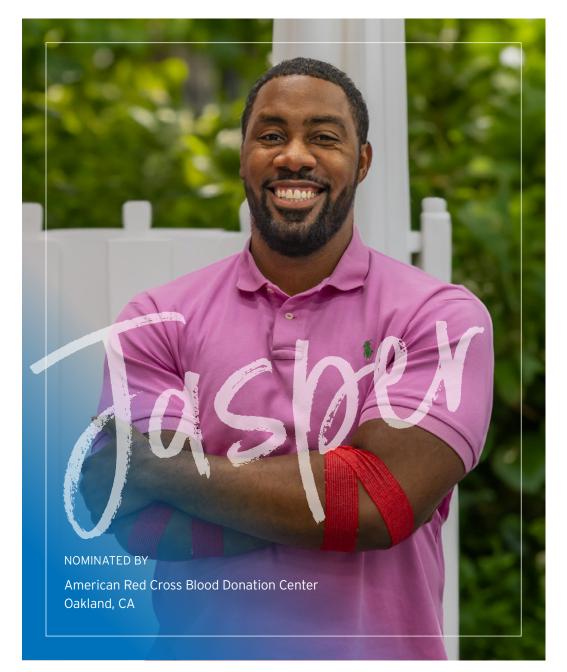
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JASPER SMITH

"It's cool to know I've helped so many people that I'll never meet."

Jasper Smith began donating blood 13 years ago when his friend Chaznee Brown, who has since passed away from sickle cell anemia, organized a blood drive. He celebrated his 50-gallon donation milestone in July 2023, and is on track to meet his goal of 24 donations this year. "By donating platelets and blood, I'm keeping Chaznee's efforts alive. Sickle cell is a huge problem in the African American community and there is a shortage of African American donors," Jasper explains.

Jasper also serves on the Red Cross's local chapter Biomedical Committee that has been honored for the work it has done to help diversify the blood supply. He speaks at local events about the importance of blood donation, and he goes on social media regularly to share videos he creates to inspire others to roll up a sleeve.

He's proud that he is supporting patients facing life-threatening illnesses or severe injuries. "During one of my appointments, the staff shared that there was a 66-year-old cancer patient who had just gotten out of surgery and because of my blood type, my donation was headed to her, pronto!"

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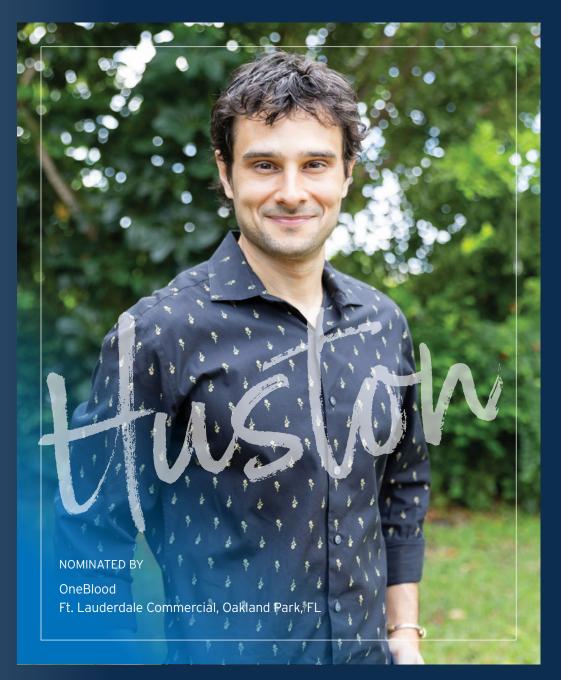
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HUSTON OCHOA

"Donations are acts of kindness that have a powerful healing effect."

Huston Ochoa started donating blood to connect to his father who was a hemophiliac, who died when Huston was young. Every time he donates, he imagines how his father received a gift from someone else that helped him to battle hemophilia's debilitating effects.

Huston believes that "saving a life doesn't mean doing something heroic. For two hours every two weeks, there are the joys of intimately getting to know the staff and talking with the other donors. It is a powerful feeling to both enjoy simple human interaction while knowing that my platelets and whole blood donations will have lasting effects once I'm gone."

Huston knows each of his donations will ultimately help someone, but it means even more when he thinks about the many processes and helping hands it goes through to get to a particular patient. As a Social Worker in a community health center and a doctoral student, he knows first-hand the positive impact organizations filled with dedicated professionals can have on those in need and hopes, in the future, to help train the next generation of service-oriented clinicians and expand support networks in the region.

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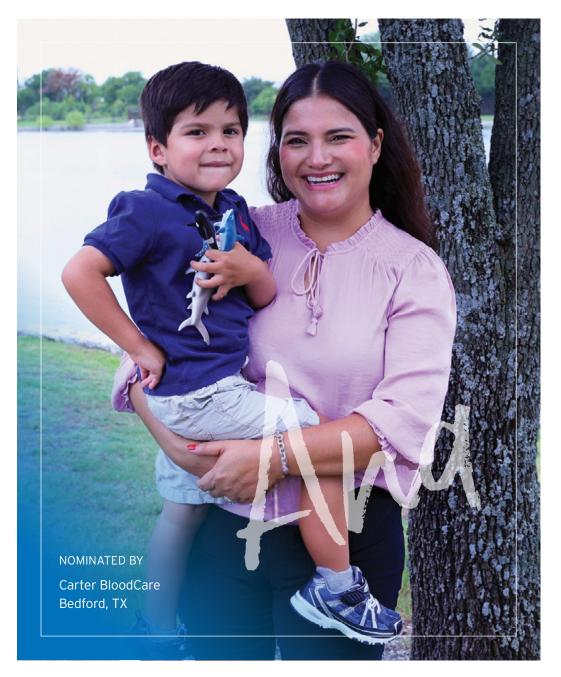


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ANA CRUZ HOLLINGSWORTH

"It was the most difficult time of my life, seeing Zane struggling."

Ana Cruz Hollingsworth's son was born with congenital diaphragmatic hernia, and spent his first 10 days on life support. "I remember individuals wearing nursing scrubs, repeatedly entering Zane's room with a small cooler. Constantly, that little cooler brought the blood my son needed to survive." Zane thrived after his ordeal, which Ana attributes to the expert medical care and "those people – our anonymous heroes – who donated blood so my baby would have an opportunity to live."

The experience motivated Ana to become a vocal advocate for blood donation, especially within the Hispanic/Latino community. As the founder of a content and production company, Ana had well-established social media and podcast platforms and began sharing her experience to inform and inspire her substantial audience of more than 80,000 followers. Importantly, through her personal experiences and respected voice, Ana has been able to dispel myths among prospective Hispanic/Latino donors. In recognition of her ongoing efforts, she and her family were guests of honor at the 2024 unveiling of the Donando Esperanza (Donate Hope) mural in Dallas that shares her message of the importance of blood donation to the community's health and welfare.

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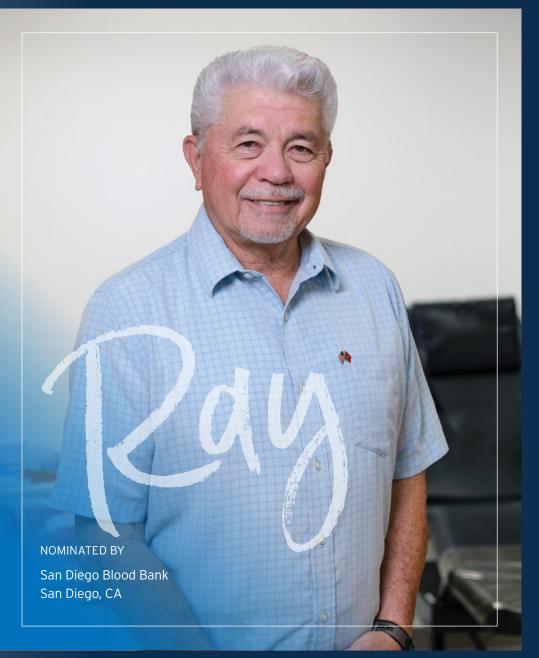


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RAY LEBRON

"Regardless of who you are, your blood is red and always needed."

Ray began donating blood in college in the Philippines, continued to do so as a Marine, and would occasionally visit a center in San Diego after he started working in the area. But he became a dedicated donor when a co-worker's infant nephew was injured in a mass shooting in 1984. Inspired by the knowledge that his donation that day was immediately helping to save lives around him, he has since donated more than 190 times, and recently celebrated his 33rd gallon donation.

That experience also drove a passion for blood donation advocacy, and a commitment to encouraging people of color, particularly those of Asian descent, to donate blood. For decades, he chaired blood drives at his former workplace and in his community, and now is the chair for his church's four drives a year. He also regularly volunteers for activities hosted by his local blood center, like the annual drive at Comic-Con, helping out however he can. When he's not out championing the cause, Ray can be found supporting his community as a docent at the San Diego Marine Corps Museum and as a volunteer at his church.

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ROBERT HUNGERSCHAFER

"It's like going to lunch – but lunch is filling, donating is fulfilling."

Twenty-four times a year – nearly every other Sunday – Robert Hungerschafer wakes up at two in the morning and drives 256 miles to his favorite donation center, so that he can check in for his 6:30 am appointment for blood, platelet, and plasma donations. He says his "annual goal is to donate enough to help as many lives as I can."

After more than 1,100 donations – well over 330 gallons – Bob says that he's motivated to keep giving toward his target of 1,500 times because he wants to reduce suffering, and because, "Every appointment saves lives...You feel fulfilled. You feel like you helped somebody, you've accomplished something, and it's very easy. The hardest part is just making the time."

Bob's yellow lab, Kirin, is also a regular blood, platelet, and plasma donor, who runs excitedly to the door of the veterinary blood bank for his appointments. Injured pets need blood too, and Bob wants to make sure that the supply is there when it's needed. Together, Bob and Kirin are offering hope and healing to humans and animals alike

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Celebrating 20 Years of Growing the Gift of Life!

AABB and Fresenius Kabi proudly celebrate the 20th anniversary of Blood Collectors Week. For two decades, this special week has recognized the incredible skill and dedication of blood center teams who make every donation experience positive and meaningful. Your commitment is what makes giving grow, ensuring vital blood components reach patients in need—every day, everywhere.

We invite you, your colleagues, donors, and communities to join us in marking this milestone and honoring the life-saving work you do!



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

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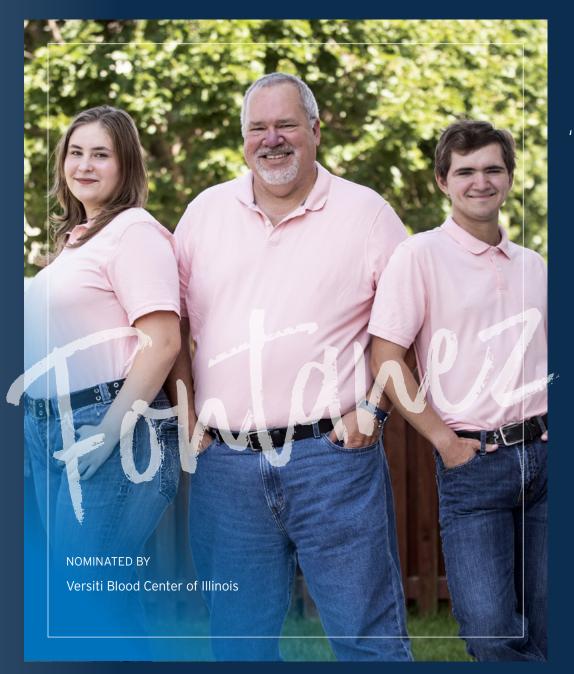


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THE FONTANEZ FAMILY

"It's about showing how to give back – but winning's not bad either!"

Chris Fontanez, along with his son, Lucas, and daughter, Sydney, have found a way to make blood donation a fun family tradition, by transforming their regular visits to the blood center into a friendly competition – with the winner proudly holding onto a makeshift trophy until the next appointment. The runner-up, in a spirit of camaraderie, volunteers to bring donuts to the blood collection team. The thoughtful gestures and infectious smiles of the Fontanez family make them a joy to have at the center.

Chris has contributed 26 lifetime products, equivalent to 3 gallons, and his children are working hard to catch up. Lucas has made 13 donations, Sydney, a bit younger, has made four – and she's recently expanded her involvement by joining the volunteer group. The family's collective loyalty and dedication to blood donation, starting as soon as they are eligible, is a testament to their values of compassion and service. With a lifetime of donating ahead of them, they'll be helping the community for many years to come – and setting a shining new example for Saturday morning family time.

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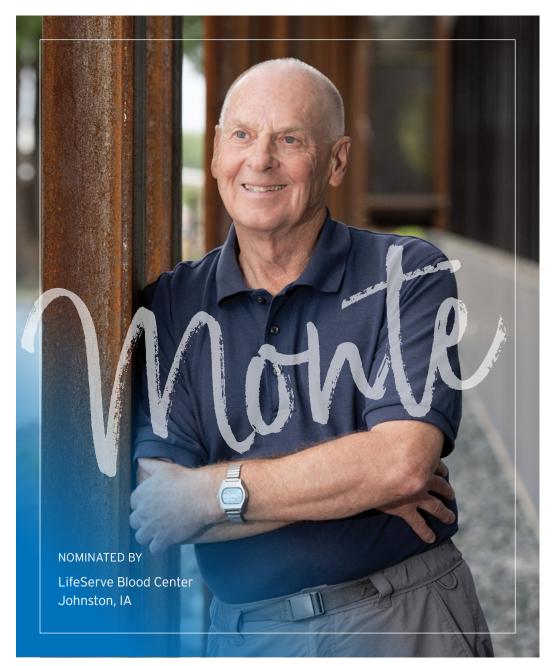


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MONTE ENGH

"It's a good feeling being part of a system that is making a difference."

Monte has been a lifelong blood donor, with 291 donations resulting in 68 gallons, but when he retired he decided he wanted to do more for the cause. "Years ago I read an article about a gentleman that had donated a large amount of blood and was a volunteer driver. I kept it in the back of my mind." So he joined the team to ensure blood products are available throughout the region, and in the last four years has made more than 1,100 trips – more than 4,300 volunteer hours and 156,000 miles driven. He's out more than 20 hours a week, typically taking the long, less desired trips, "since I enjoy the ride".

Monte gives with a smile on his face and has a great time getting to meet everyone involved, from donor centers to hospitals. "It's always good when you come in – everyone is glad to see you." When he's not driving, Monte can be found sharing his talents on local Habitat for Humanity projects, at reconstruction efforts across the country after disasters, or in Africa on development programs. He's the definition of a volunteer!

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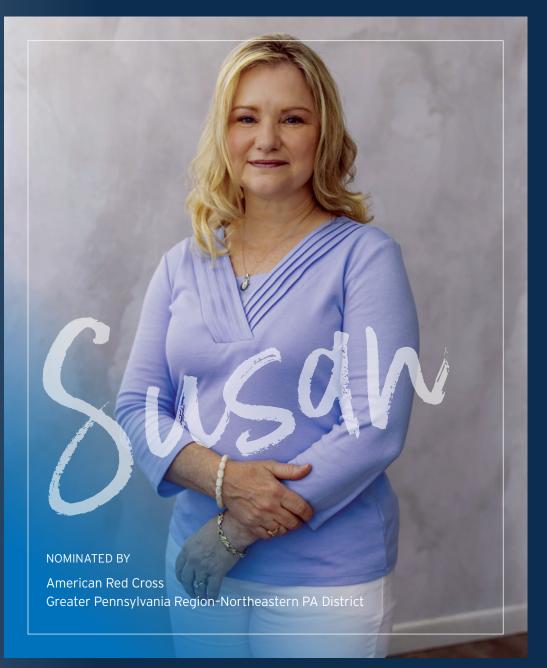
AUGUST

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SUSAN MALLOY

"It's incredible how many people are being helped in Mark's name."

When Mark Malloy, Jr. passed away at twenty-two years old, his mother Susan wanted to find a way to honor his memory. Inspired by another family in the community, she decided to host a blood drive. In the eight years since Mark's passing, her now annual event has collected more than 950 units of blood in his honor – and become one of the largest in Northeastern Pennsylvania. "When you lose a child, people tell you, 'Whatever you need – call me,' and every year when they show up, that's them keeping their word to me," Susan said.

Susan's family and friends have helped to grow the event, which takes place every September – "Every year, it just keeps getting bigger!" In addition to blood donations, they hold a tee-shirt and basket raffle fundraiser, which has brought in more than \$33,000 for Red Cross disaster relief. "It gives us a way to look forward to something because the anniversary of his passing is so hard," Susan said. "This has become such a good way to help our community and I can't see us ever not doing it."

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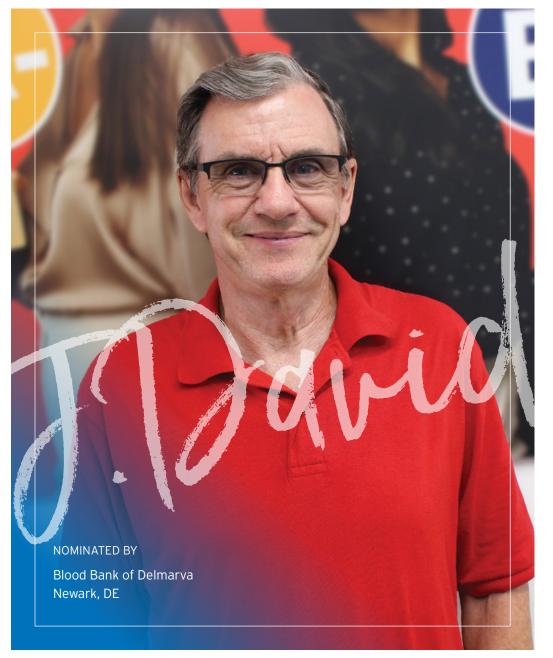
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J. DAVID MYERS

"I'm continuing the Myers family's 70-year tradition of giving."

J. David Myers grew up knowing the importance of service – and of blood donors – as his mother organized the first group for the blood bank of Delaware in 1954 and both his parents were long-term donors. He gave for the first time himself in 1972, during basic training for the army, and has been a regular donor since then, making hundreds of donations. Since 1998 alone, he has given platelets 315 times.

During his long career at a railroad company David was an ambassador for the local blood bank, encouraging coworkers to donate and receiving many awards for his volunteer activities. When he retired, in 2012, he started volunteering in the ER at the local children's hospital. He began working on mobile blood drives and donor recruitment, going on to become a mobile processor for the blood bank, giving thousands of hours to the community.

He's willing to jump in wherever it's needed – even playing the role of the blood center's mascot, "Delmar" the bloodhound. In whatever capacity, David is generously continuing the family tradition of ensuring a safe blood supply for all.

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BERTHA AXTMAN

"I do it because I love it - I love to help people!"

When Bertha Axtman and her husband Albert hosted their first blood drive in the late 1960s, they began a remarkable tradition. They organized beef donations from local cattle farms and made sloppy joes with Albert's secret recipe, rallied community members to bake homemade cookies, and served lunch to everyone who gave blood – then committed to hosting another two-day drive every eight weeks.

Bertha continued running the drive herself after Albert passed away, even through her own battles with cancer. Her vision issues now create a bit of a challenge but she has an army of volunteers in the community that are willing to lend a hand, and with her trusty magnifying glass at the check-in table, she's able to find each eager donor on the list. Everyone's help ensures it's the biggest and best blood drive in western North Dakota!

After more than 50 years, hundreds of drives, and tens of thousands of donations, at 94 years old, Bertha is still leading the charge, and making sure everyone, volunteers and donors alike, feel appreciated and special – and that they all get a taste of those famous sloppy joes and fresh baked cookies.

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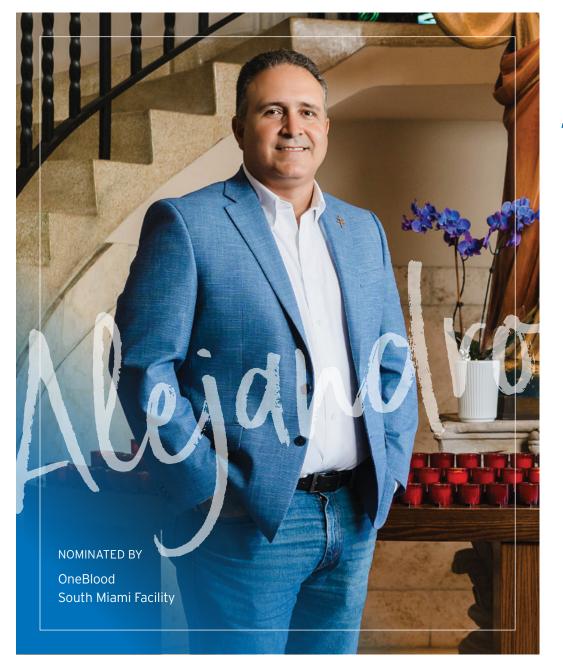
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ALEJANDRO HERRERA

"My daughter is alive because of blood donations. I am giving back!"

Alejandro Herrera became a dedicated regular blood and platelet donor during his daughter's fight with cancer. After seeing the remarkable impact the generosity of so many other blood donors had on his daughter's life, he wanted to give back and pay it forward. She not only survived, but she is now cancer-free and started her nursing studies in the fall of 2024.

Alejandro realized his family's story could inspire others to give and save lives, so he reached out to the principals of his daughter's and son's schools and several others in the region, helping them facilitate drives and encouraging countless young people to donate. He has also rallied his extensive personal and business network and worked with his church and other faith-based organizations. Alejandro's sheer force of personality has revived long-dormant relationships with the blood collection community and convinced decision-makers that hosting blood drives is essential to save lives in their community. In the process, Alejandro has become one of the Miami region's most dedicated blood donation advocates and champions. He is committed to continuing his work into the future so that everyone has the same opportunity to live that his daughter was given.

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Every year, Fresenius Kabi proudly partners with blood centers to honor the unsung heroes of our industry through the Fresenius Kabi National Blood Donation Hall of Fame. This Hall of Fame celebrates individuals who have shown an exceptional commitment to blood donation. Blood centers nationwide submit nominations, and inductees are chosen annually based on their outstanding dedication and passion for donating blood and encouraging others to do the same.

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

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 2025 Fresenius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame are due by June 9, 2025. 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.



SUBMIT A NOMINATION



