# Donate blood now... people can't live without it.



#### The Facts

- Only 2% of our local eligible population donates blood each year
- There is no substitute for human blood
- You cannot get an infectious disease by donating

#### The Numbers

- 2 SECONDS: How often someone needs blood
- 42 DAYS: Shelf life of donated red blood cells
- 5 DAYS: Shelf life of donated platelets
- 56 DAYS: How often you can donate
- 17% Number of non-donors who cite "never thought about it" as the main reason for not giving

### The Donation

- 4 EASY STEPS: Registration, medical history, donation and snacks
- 10 MINUTES: How long the actual donation will take
- 10 PINTS: Amount of blood in the average adult body
- 1 PINT: Amount of your donation

## The Lives Saved

- 1 in 3 people will need a blood product in their lifetime
- Surgical, trauma and cancer patients and those with blood disorders need blood
- If only 1% more of Americans donated, blood shortages would disappear

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