

THE DAK-MINN DROP

SUMMER 2008

Note from your Donor Resource Coordinator Julie Jenson



Summers now in full force and what a great feeling to have the sunshine out, the trees getting their leaves and, of course, the dandelions lining our lawns in full force.

With this nice weather, it's time for our blood supply to get in high gear and ready for a busy time of year. With travel and more people out and about, emergency rooms are challenged by large number of people who need blood, including victims of accidents, storms, and other disasters. Help us get prepared, consider donating this month!

If you're eligible to donate in June, we would appreciate you coming in. June is the perfect month to donate, it helps the blood bank get ready for the season and you would be eligible to donate again in September. How perfect!

I also challenge Teachers to mark their calendars and use this time to make a difference. It's hard to get in during the school year to donate, so please give the gift of life while your schedule allows you to.

The next newsletter will arrive in your mailboxes in October - my one year anniversary at Dak-Minn! If you have something to add, please don't hesitate to email me, jjenson@altru.org.

-Julie M. Jenson, Donor Resource Coordinator

taking a drive on the **wild side**

Wild is right, our most recent blood drives have been remarkable! April was the month for High School Blood Drives and, boy did those kids line up to donate! 4/5/08 was a great start at Red River High School, over 84 students, faculty and staff signed up. We left with 55 pints of blood! 4/9/08 was our next Blood Drive at Central High School. There again we had 77 students, faculty and staff sign up and we left with 55 pints of blood! Yes, crazy as it may be, it was a tie!!! This was the first time in Dak-Minn history that we had a tie for number of units collected at 2 different high schools; just days apart from one another! Great Job EVERYONE!!! With just those pints collected, those students, faculty and staff have probably saved well over 300 lives!!!

Other High School Blood Drives:

March 19th, 2008

Midway blood drive, 40 Units were collected. This was up from last year! GREAT JOB Midway High School!

April 30th, 2008

EGF Sr. High School, 24 Units were collected. WDAZ was there to capture the donations, shooting a commercial that started airing in June.

Our Dak-Minn Volunteers

We appreciate our buds!

We would like to say thank you to all our awesome volunteers that work at Dak-Minn. With out these wonderful people, our jobs would be harder to perform. Each and every one of them brings something different to the blood bank. We are so thankful for all the many hours that they dedicate to the blood bank.



Kay Flom



Ellen Gray



Betty Roberts



Barb Polovitz



Roger Paulson



Tom Perdue



Carol Thompson



Ray Stocker



Mary Sass



Marlene Peterson



Beth Kopp



Linda Flom

Promotional News

During our High School Blood Drives in April we handed out our new t-shirt of the year. They were donated by Lunseth Plumbing. These same t-shirts will be available for gallon gifts, so don't miss out!

- “May brings flowers and lots of mud. A reminder that Dak-Minn needs your blood.” was printed on our boots that we gave out during the month of May! These cute green rubber boots were donated by Deitz Business Promotions. They not only donated the boots, but also planted flowers in each one. Thanks Marijo Deitz, for all your hard work on these cute give-ways!

Our lucky winner of the \$50.00 Gift card to All Season's was Jacki Irish! Congratulations! This gift card was donated from All Season's. Thanks a “bunch”!

- In June, “Race” in to save a life and receive a FREE ticket to River Cities Speedway.
- In July we'll be fishing for donors and hope to “lure” you in with some great door prizes! Our grand prize will be given out the end of July. The grand prize will be 3 nights of lodging, including breakfast and room for 6 people to stay at Ballards Resort, Lake of the Woods, MN! This grand package is valued at over \$975.00!!! Thanks Clear Channel radio for the donation!!! Does your company have something to donate for a door prize? If so please call Julie J. at 701.780.5326.
- August 1st - 14th donors will receive EGF Heritage Day entry buttons. This value is over \$7.00 and a great family event. Kids are free, and you will be helping in “Keeping our local Heritage alive!” Heritage days will be August 15,16,17. August 18th – 29th the gift will be a free movie ticket from River Cinema 12 Theater.
- September will cool you off with a blizzard from our local Dairy Queens.

Don't miss out, make that promise to donate every 56 days and give the gift of life.



Valley Chordsman Perform for our military hero's!

Donating to the sound of music happened May 13th at the Grand

Forks Air Force Base Blood Drive. Roger Birkholz arranged and partook in the event with the Valley Chordsmen. It was music to our ears! Everyone enjoyed the entertainment! Thanks guys for a job well done!!! This years GFAFB Blood Drive was a

great success. Special thanks to Dana & Michael Rutledge that headed it up and made arrangements, they did a marvelous job! We collected over 65 pints and donors kept coming in till the very end. Thanks to all the men and women that helped make a difference, right here in their local community!

Meet our Dak-Minn Family!

May 20-26 was National Laboratory Week

Thanks to our great technicians , Dak Minn Blood Bank is a wonderful place to come to donate! They always take awesome care of you, our donors. They make Dak Minn a fun and safe place to visit. The dedication of each one brings to Dak Minn Blood Bank makes it even extra special!

Thanks ladies, for your dedication to our blood bank!



Deb
16 years



Leora
34 years



Julie
18 years



Peggy
1 year



Linda
8 years



Amy
5½ years

WANTED

DAK MINN Blood Bank is Looking for Apheresis Donors!

Do you have 2 hours a month, good veins & at least 18 years of age?

You may be a good candidate! This Process helps the daily need of platelets right here at Altru Hospital to burn victims, patients receiving chemo, leukemia, bone marrow transplants, and patients who have had cardiac surgery, or organ transplants. If interested please call Dak-Minn and ask to talk to one of our technicians.

Help save a life!

(701) 780-5433

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Spring into action this summer and become a **life saver!**

Summer time is crunch time for donations, so spring into action and make those appointments to give! With the warm weather, we all become busy. We want to spend our hours after work grilling, walking or spending time in the garden. But, with warm weather comes more travel and accidents on our local lakes and highways. Summertime is such a vital time to have our blood supply maintained at safe inventory levels. With just one accident we can deplete our entire inventory of any of one or more blood types.

So before hitting the roads and before summer time sunshine starts to shine in full force, schedule your appointment for your summer donation. If it's in the appointment book and you get that friendly appointment reminder card in the mail, it will be easier to stop in and donate. With our blood bank being closed on Fridays after memorial week-end, it's just one less day we can accept donations. We take appointments till 6PM Monday through Thursday all year long. If all our donors would donate just once over the summer, we would be in great shape!!!

SUMMER TIME HOURS

Memorial Day through

Labor Day

Monday – Thursday

9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays