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Knox City Hospital District Hosts Critical Blood Drive on Feb. 19

The local healthcare system partners with Hendrick Regional Blood Center for the event.

KNOX CITY, Texas (Feb. 9, 2024) – There continues to be a blood shortage around the nation, including here in the Big Country, because there is no substitute for human blood. Noting the shortage in the region, Knox County Hospital District (KCHD) is partnering with Hendrick Regional Blood Center to host a mobile blood drive at Knox County Hospital on Feb. 19.

“Communities across the country, and the world for that matter, are always in need of blood,” says Stephen Kuehler, CEO of KCHD. “In the Big Country, Hendrick Regional Blood Center supplies blood products for Hendrick’s Abilene facilities and 13 other area hospitals, including ours here in Knox County.”

Kuehler adds that donating during the upcoming blood drive means your blood stays in the region, thus helping to save local lives.

Donating blood is a vital and generous act with far-reaching implications for public health. Its primary significance lies in its potential to save lives by providing a crucial resource for medical treatments, surgeries, and emergencies.

In various medical procedures, such as organ transplants or cancer treatments, blood transfusions are often indispensable. Moreover, blood donations play a pivotal role during emergencies, natural disasters, or accidents when the demand for blood can rapidly escalate.

Individuals with chronic conditions, like thalassemia or sickle cell anemia, rely on regular blood transfusions for their ongoing treatment. Childbirth complications and cancer treatments are among the scenarios where donated blood becomes essential.

The short shelf life of blood products necessitates a consistent supply through voluntary donations. Since there is no synthetic substitute for human blood, the role of voluntary donors is critical.

Beyond individual health, blood donation is a communal effort that contributes to society's overall well-being. It embodies a simple yet impactful way for individuals to support their communities and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

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The upcoming blood drive will occur on February 19th between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Knox County Hospital. Hendrick Regional Blood Center will have their bloodmobile parked outside the hospital, where donations will be drawn.

As an extra benefit for those who donate during the February 19th blood drive, the individuals will be entered into a drawing to win two tickets to the Parker McCollum "Burn it Down Tour" on April 4th at Taylor County Coliseum in Abilene, Texas.

For additional information about the blood drive, along with any questions you may have, please call Knox County Hospital at 940-657-3535.

About Knox County Hospital District

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education, and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit www.knoxhospital.org.

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