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Life-Saving Blood Drive Scheduled by Knox City Hospital District

Community Urged to Donate on July 19 and Support Local Healthcare

KNOX CITY, Texas (July 12, 2024) – – The nationwide blood shortage continues to impact our communities in our area, and Knox County Hospital District (KCHD) is stepping up to address this critical need. Partnering with Hendrick Regional Blood Center, KCHD will host a mobile blood drive at Knox County Hospital on July 25.

“Blood donations are crucial for maintaining our healthcare system,” said Stephen Kuehler, CEO of KCHD. “Hendrick Regional Blood Center supplies blood products to our facility and 13 other area hospitals, making local donations vital for our region’s health.”

Kuehler emphasized that donations collected during the drive will remain in the Big Country, directly benefitting local patients.

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.

The upcoming blood drive will occur on July 25 between 10 am. and 3 p.m. at Knox County Hospital. Hendrick Regional Blood Center will have their bloodmobile parked outside the hospital, where donations will be drawn.

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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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