

Top 10 reasons why you should donate blood.

- 10 There is no substitute for human blood. Every drop of blood that's needed for transfusions must be given by a blood donor.
- 9 On average, one out of seven people entering the hospital will need a blood transfusion of some kind.
- 8 Michigan Blood supplies blood to many hospitals across the state – more than 100,000 pints each year.
- 7 The demand for donated blood has increased with advances in medical science leading to more types of treatment that call for blood transfusions.
- 6 As a standard of care, most hospitals require that all blood for transfusion must have been given by volunteer (unpaid) donors.
- 5 Giving blood takes less than hour, it's easy and safe, and for most people it's painless.
- 4 Blood components for transfusion have a very short "shelf life". The blood must have been donated only a short time before being used. This means blood must be collected constantly to meet hospitals' daily needs.
- 3 The average blood donor gives twice a year. If each donor gave just once more each year, blood shortages would disappear.
- 2 If just 1 percent more adult Americans would give blood once a year, we would always have an adequate blood supply.
- 1 Without a ready supply of the right type of blood, a person who needs blood cannot survive. That person could be your child, partner, parent, best friend, neighbor, coworker...or you.

Michigan Blood saves Michigan lives.

The blood that Michigan Blood collects is tested and processed here, and it is used for transfusions in Michigan hospitals.

People who live in Michigan are proud of their state and feel a special bond with other Michiganders. It's only natural that many people want the blood they donate to benefit people close to home. That's exactly what happens when you donate through Michigan Blood.

