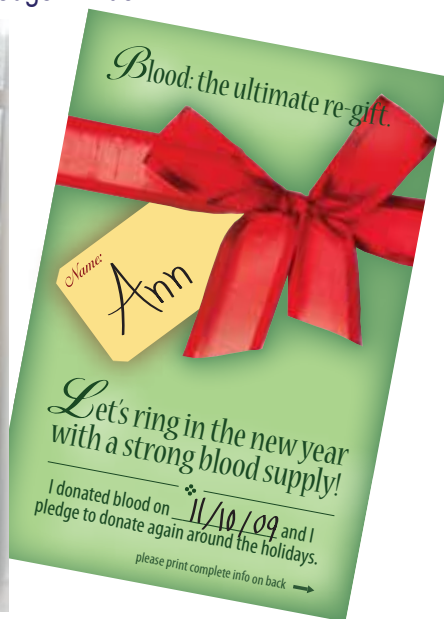




Pledging for Patients Within the Community

Donors make a vow to help ring in the new year with a strong blood supply

Tallahassee Donor Center's Holiday Pledge Window



Let's face it, it is virtually impossible for blood donation to compete for time when so many of us are bogged down by family obligations, year-end projects and travel plans. As a result, each year our center struggles to maintain a strong blood supply once the holidays hit.

This season, we began asking donors in October to make a pledge to donate blood again around the holidays. Thankfully, a number of donors have risen to the occasion, recognizing the importance of their contributions at a time when blood shortages are likely to occur.

It's never too early to start thinking of a way to squeeze "donating blood" onto your to-do list for this holiday season. Give the ultimate lifesaving gift to a patient within our community and you'll see just how much better it feels to give than to receive.

Thank you to all of our donors who have already made a pledge to help ring in the new year with a strong blood supply - and to those who plan to do so when they visit us again!

Caution: Change In Progress
Approach with an open mind

SCBC has recently changed computer systems and, while we're excited about the possibilities it presents to us, as with any change, it will take a little time to become accustomed to things.

The recent software change may result in temporary delays at registration or occasional calls to individuals who have already returned to donate again. We're trying our best to resolve these issues, but would welcome your patience as we continue to work through this transitional phase.

No hard hats required in our "construction zone," but smiling faces are definitely appreciated. Don't worry too much - the dust should settle by the end of the year.

Upcoming Promotions & Events



THROUGH NOVEMBER 21

Donate blood and receive a "THANKS A LATTE" ceramic coffee mug (pictured at left).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Bradley's Country store of Tallahassee hosts its 39th annual Old Fashioned Fun Day. SCBC's bloodmobile will be parked on-site (10655 Centerville Road) from 8am to 4pm. It's the perfect event to enjoy old-fashioned flair, great food and lifesaving opportunities!

NOVEMBER 23 THROUGH 28

Blood Bowl 2009

What colors do you bleed? Show your spirit AND claim a commemorative FSU vs. UF t-shirt. Who will win - Seminole or Gator fans?

Includes all donors with the exception of individuals who donate with the Douglas branch. Douglas area donors will receive a red, fleece travel blanket in place of the t-shirt.



For a complete drive schedule, click on the "Blood Drives" tab at sbcinfo.org.