



## TOP 10 REASONS TO BE A BLOOD DONOR:

1. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
2. Blood is needed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
3. Blood has to be available **before** it is needed.
4. Blood is perishable. Red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 days.
5. Less than 5% of the U.S. population donates blood.
6. 80% of the U.S. population will need blood by the age of 75.
7. Patients need blood every day.
8. Platelets are used to treat cancer patients, using an average of 8 units per week.
9. If compatible blood is unavailable, patients could be forced to pass up lifesaving organs.
10. There is no substitute for human blood.