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OVER 2,385 UNITS OF BLOOD COLLECTED AT 47th ANNUAL COMIC-CON® ROBERT A. HEINLEIN BLOOD DRIVE

SAN DIEGO (**July 23, 2023**) More than 2,385 units of blood were collected at the 47th Annual Comic-Con® Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive this week. The drive ran Wednesday, July 19 through today at the Manchester Grand Hyatt with all donors receiving a limited-edition Marvel Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 t-shirt.

"We are extremely thankful to the donors and our partners at Comic-Con for their support in making this drive successful for the 47th year in a row" said San Diego Blood Bank CEO, Doug Morton. "The generosity and commitment shown by these superheroes who donated blood at this drive will save many lives throughout the summer. "

Anyone who donates blood at any San Diego Blood Bank donation location or mobile blood drive July 24 - August 31, 2023, will receive the limited-edition Marvel Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3T-shirt (while supplies last).

Since 1976, The Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive has hosted this drive in partnership with the COMIC-CON® convention. Over the past 47 years, donors at Comic-Con have donated over 65,210 pints of blood, potentially impacting more than 195,630 lives.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 114 pounds and be in general good health. Appointments will be honored first and are available at www.sandiegobloodbank.org/donate or by calling (619) 400-8251. Walk-ins are welcome.

About San Diego Blood Bank

San Diego Blood Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization also operating as Southern California Blood Bank. The Blood Bank serves hospitals throughout Southern California. San Diego Blood Bank is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and collaborating with various partners in medical research. San Diego Blood Bank currently operates nine fixed-site donation locations and 10 bloodmobiles. For more information about SDBB,

visit <u>www.SanDiegoBloodBank.org</u> or connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and Linkedin.