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## SAN DIEGO BLOOD BANK AND SAN DIEGO PADRES TEAM UP TO SAVE LIVES AT 7TH ANNUAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

**SAN DIEGO** (**April 19, 2023**) San Diego Blood Bank and the San Diego Padres have announced the date for their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Blood Drive. The event will take place on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Petco Park's Gallagher Square.

All donors will receive a limited-edition Padres Summer Blood Drive T-shirt, access to free parking in the Lexus Premier Parking Lot (subject to availability), and access to two complimentary tickets to the June 7 game against the Seattle Mariners (while supplies last).

"We look forward to another great blood drive with the Padres" said San Diego Blood Bank CEO Doug Morton. "During the summer months, it can be challenging to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients. We're grateful for this opportunity to replenish our supply and help those in need. It's inspiring to see the community come together for such an important cause."

"The Padres are proud to be able to continue their partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank through the sixth annual Summer Blood Drive," said Padres Sr. Vice President of Community & Military Affairs Tom Seidler. "With an ever-growing need, hosting these blood drives helps provide resources for those patients in need with a goal of helping to supply the blood blank during the summer months."

San Diego Padres have partnered with San Diego Blood Bank in support of community health by hosting six consecutive years of summer blood drives to date. Since 2017, more than 2,698 pints of blood have gone on to support thousands of patients in Southern California hospitals.

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, walk-ins welcome. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment at <a href="http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/Padres">http://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/Padres</a> or by calling 619-400-8251.

## **About the San Diego Blood Bank**

San Diego Blood Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization also operating as Southern California Blood Bank, serving 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 collaborate 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>SanDiegoBloodBank.</u>org or connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Linkedin</u>.

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