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APPROXIMATELY 3,300 PINTS OF BLOOD COLLECTED AT 49TH ROBERT A. HEINLEIN BLOOD DRIVE

SAN DIEGO (July 27, 2025) Approximately 3,300 pints of blood were collected at Comic-Con's 49th Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive this week. The drive ran Wednesday, July 23 – today at the Manchester Grand Hyatt with all donors receiving a limited-edition Marvel Fantastic 4 T-shirt.

"We are deeply honored to celebrate the incredible success of the 49th Annual Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive" said San Diego Blood Bank CEO Douglas Morton. "This outstanding achievement reflects the spirit of generosity and community that defines this long-standing tradition. We are profoundly grateful for our enduring partnership with Comic-Con and for every donor who rolled up their sleeves to make a difference."

"We are very happy to continue our long tradition of helping the San Diego Blood Bank meet its critical needs" said Comic-Con spokesperson David Glanzer. "The many attendees and fans who give blood for such a worthy cause is both an inspiration and a motivating factor for others to take part as well. We are happy to once again be a part of this wonderful effort."

For those who could not make it to the drive, San Diego Blood Bank is offering the limited-edition t-shirt to anyone who donates at a San Diego Blood Bank donor center or mobile blood drive July 28 - August 31, 2024, (while supplies last).

Since 1976, the Robert A. Heinlein Blood Drive at Comic-Con has been an important part of the San Diego convention. In its long history, more than 93,000 pints of blood have been donated by Comic-Con attendees, exhibitors, professionals, volunteers, and staff, potentially impacting more than 279,000 lives over the course of the last 49 years.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. Donors are asked to arrive hydrated with Photo ID and to allow about one hour to donate blood from registration through recovery. Donors do not need a convention badge to donate blood.

Appointments will be honored first, walk-ins welcome. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment at sandiegobloodbank.org by calling 619-400-8251.

About 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 collaborating with various partners in medical research. San Diego Blood Bank currently operates 10 fixed-site donation locations and 10 bloodmobiles.

For 75 years, San Diego Blood Bank has grown alongside the city, evolving to meet the needs of a changing San Diego. It remains rooted in compassion and community leadership and the crucial work required to maintain a steady blood supply for our region. Since 1950, San Diego Blood Bank has collected more than 5.5 million pints of blood from volunteer blood donors and currently impacts as many as 150,000 patient lives each year. What differentiates San Diego Blood Bank from other blood banking organizations is simple – they are a community blood bank serving San Diego and the region specifically.

For more information about San Diego Blood Bank, visit [SanDiegoBloodBank.org](https://www.sandiegobloodbank.org) or connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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