

# News Release



**American  
Red Cross**

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## Minnesota Twins and American Red Cross Host Community Blood Drive Friday, August 15

*All presenting blood donors will receive two complimentary Twins tickets*

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (August 6, 2008)** – What do Twins baseball and blood donation have in common? MINNESOTA TRADITION! Minnesotans can support both by making an appointment to give blood on **Friday, August 15 at the Minnesota Twins, American Red Cross blood drive from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. outside the Metrodome on Kirby Puckett Place.** All presenting donors will receive two complimentary general admission tickets to that night's game versus the Seattle Mariners OR vouchers for a future game this season.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Help Meet the Need this summer and give a little of yourself. Your blood donation is a powerful gift to patients in need. One donation can potentially help save up to three lives. Call **1.800.GIVE.LIFE** or go online to **[givebloodgivelife.org](http://givebloodgivelife.org)** and schedule your appointment today!

### **How to Donate Blood**

Simply call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit [givebloodgivelife.org](http://givebloodgivelife.org) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Eligible donors must be at least 17 years old, or 16 years old with a signed Red Cross parental/guardian consent form where state permits, must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

### **About the American Red Cross**

Governed by volunteers and supported by giving individuals and communities, the American Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood products to hospitals throughout the United States. While local hospital needs are always met first, the Red Cross also helps ensure no patient goes without blood no matter where or when they need it. In addition to providing nearly half of the nation's blood supply, the Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts.

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