

Media Advisory



**American
Red Cross**

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Save the Date – 12 Hours of Giving

The Sixth Annual 12 Hours of Giving blood drive is coming soon!

PEORIA, Ill. (November 13, 2009) – Save the date - the Sixth Annual American Red Cross 12 Hours of Giving Blood Drive will soon be here!

More details will follow, but don't wait - add this wonderful community event to your calendar for coverage now!

WHAT: 12 Hours of Giving Blood Drive

WHO: American Red Cross – Heart of America Blood Services Region
Special guests, including Santa Claus
Musical guests, including the Bogside Zukes, Barry Cloyd

WHEN: Monday, December 21, 2009
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

How to Donate Blood

Simply call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit 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. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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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The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™