

News Release



**American
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Give Blood, Help Save Lives and Meet Your Favorite Vans Warped Tour Bands

American Red Cross partners with Music Saves Lives to host special blood drive and offer free VIP backstage pass to The Vans Warped Tour

ST. PAUL, Minn. (June 16, 2008) – Music fans won't have to wait in line for a chance at a backstage pass to The Vans Warped Tour on August 3 at Canterbury Park if they're willing to help save lives and give blood to the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross and Music Saves Lives have partnered to help increase blood donations this summer by offering presenting blood donors at participating blood drives a free VIP backstage pass to The Vans Warped Tour. On Friday, June 27, the North Central Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross will host at Music Saves Lives blood drive at the St. Paul Masonic Center, 200 East Plato Avenue, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Every presenting blood donor at the blood drive will receive a free VIP backstage pass to The Vans Warped Tour (note: a concert ticket will still need to be purchased). Donors must be at least 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Space is limited and appointments are recommended. Eligible donors can call **1.800.GIVE.LIFE** or go online to www.givebloodgivelife.org for more information and to make a blood donation appointment.

Collecting blood during the summer months is often more difficult than during other times of the year. Colleges, universities and high schools, where up to 20 percent of the Red Cross' blood donations come from, are not in session. By partnering with Music Saves Lives, the American Red Cross is providing these important blood donors a unique opportunity to help save lives by donating blood again.

Upcoming Midwest Vans Warped Tour concert dates

6/29 Denver, Colo. 7/1 St. Louis, Mo. 7/2 Kansas City, Kan. 7/31 Indianapolis, Ind.
8/1 Milwaukee, Wis. 8/2 Chicago, Ill. 8/3 Shakopee, Minn.

About Music Saves Lives and The Vans Warped Tour

Music Saves Lives is the conduit between music, entertainment and important lifesaving causes that shares facts, educates and creates special events targeted to teens and young adults. Music Saves Lives works in partnership with The Vans Warped Tour, the longest running alternative music festival of its type in North America. It is an all day music festival geared toward young adults. Visit them online at www.musicsaveslives.com and www.vanswarpedtour.com.

About the American Red Cross

The St. Paul-based North Central Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is the largest blood supplier in Minnesota, serving 111 hospitals in the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Governed by volunteers and supported by giving individuals and communities, the American Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood products to

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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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