

Coordinator e-News

Symbol of Hope

In 2007, Mike Ross, an Appleton educator, had a stem cell transplant due to complications with Amyloidosis, a rare disorder where your body makes amyloid protein that builds up in your organs.

In the months following the transplant, Mike's hemoglobin counts were dangerously low; low enough to induce a heart attack or stroke. With such low counts, Mike was constantly out of breath, he couldn't go up stairs and a 200-foot-walk would take him 10 minutes.

Throughout the next year and a half, there were 5 occasions when Mike received emergency blood transfusions. Mike calls the transfusions "godsent," recalling that he would feel better immediately afterward.

Mike is thankful for all the donors who saved his life, saying, "I just took for granted that there would always be blood ready to go and it would always be good, clean blood. I found out from some friends, who have gone through what I

have gone through, that in some cities this is not always the case, but around here it's not an issue."

Mike hopes donors realize the positive impact they have on others and how they are adding years to peoples' lives.

Today, when Mike sees the bloodmobile at school he views it a little differently, "It's just so much more a symbol of hope than it ever was before. Before it was just a big vehicle, but now it's something completely different and so much more meaningful."

Did you move? Get married? Change your name? Let us know!

We like to stay updated with you, so please contact us if you've moved to a different address, changed your mailing address, or donated under a different name. This will help ensure that we have the correct information so you can receive newsletters in the mail and register to donate with ease. To share an update or change contact the Community Blood Center at (800) 280-4102.

October Coordinator of the Month

Anna Meulemans and the Science Club of Seymour High School

Anna heads up the team of students who take care of the blood drive at Seymour High School. The group signs up donors over the lunch hour, organize food for the donors and has a theme for the drive and movies to watch while donating. Anna even makes sure all of the blood drive staff get lunch in the cafeteria. It is a great group and a great effort made by the Science Club. The group is hosting 2 more drives this school year. Thank you Anna and the entire Science Club of Seymour High School!

Thankfulness



When someone expresses thankfulness, it not only impacts the receiver, but it also has benefits for the one giving thanks.

Recognizing things that make you happy in your life and acting upon them regularly increases your awareness and appreciation.

Sharing your gratitude can improve your quality of life because it can result in positive emotions. Learning to appreciate what you have also can make life more valuable and meaningful.

Each day we're given a new chance to make a difference in the world. Albert Schweitzer, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient, once said, "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Time Warner Cable - "Digital Times" highlights Community Blood Center Coordinator

Paula Morasch of Time Warner Cable was recently recognized by Time Warner Cable in the "Digital Times" Newsletter.

"Caring about community inside and out to make the community stronger--I cannot think of a better way than to continuously execute successful blood drives at Time Warner Cable.

With a TWCBC employee's husband facing Leukemia, it has really brought the need to give blood to the forefront our minds in Business Class. Paula Morasch of Appleton

works with the Community Blood Center to arrange to have a blood mobile located in the parking lot and someone working in the lobby to take walk-ins....Paula needs to be recognized for her efforts for many years of service with the local blood



bank. She has made me a donor!" Submitted by Tara Drzewiecki - Administrative Assistant/Time Warner Cable.

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