

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

A Not-For-Profit Community-Supported Blood Bank

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U.S. Army Requests Blood From Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

Sarasota- Suncoast Communities Blood Bank responded to the U.S. Military's request this week by sending blood products to help support wounded soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. Army has not been able to keep up the supply of blood that is required for emergency situations. The blood products have been sent to Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

This quick response by Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is a direct result of the community's involvement by donating blood. It is only possible to help in matters such as this due to the community's continued support of donating blood during our wartime. It's vitally important to have a continual blood supply on hand for not only local emergencies but also to aid in the support of our troops when the need arises. Due to caring and compassionate people within Sarasota, DeSoto and Charlotte counties many soldiers will be helped. This is not the first time the blood bank has been asked to assist in this capacity. In 2002, Suncoast Communities Blood Bank was called upon to supply blood to the Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington for transshipment to Iraq.

Blood is needed 365 days a year, 24/7 and the need for blood never ends. Just one blood donation can help save up to three lives. For more information on donating blood please call 1-866-97-BLOOD or visit www.scbb.org for hours and locations of the nearest bloodmobile or Suncoast Communities Blood Bank facility.

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