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NEWS RELEASE

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Holiday Blood Drive
In Conjunction with WFLA TV, Channel 8
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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank encourages people to take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to give the gift that never gets returned--blood. Suncoast Communities Blood Bank will hold its Holiday Blood Drive on December 21, 2005 at several locations. This blood drive is in conjunction with WFLA-TV Channel 8, 99.5 WQYK, *The Tampa Tribune*, TBO.com, Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouses, and the St. Pete Times Forum. Each of these organizations has teamed up with blood centers along the Gulf Coast to encourage blood donations this winter.

Those who visit Suncoast Communities Blood Bank and register to donate blood will **receive two vouchers for free tickets** to attend the New Year's Eve Party countdown with the **Barenaked Ladies** at the St. Pete Times Forum and be entered into a drawing for a **\$1000 gas card**. Donors will also get a cholesterol screening, a holiday t-shirt and be able to enjoy holiday refreshments such as Egg Nog, Hot Apple Cider, holiday cookies, breads and more. **Santa Claus will also make a visit to the Mound Street location in Sarasota from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** For more information about how to make a blood donation please call 941-954-1600 extension 240 or visit www.scbb.org. 1 blood donation helps save up to 3 lives!

Here are the following locations in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties where the public can donate blood:

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
1760 Mound Street
Sarasota, Fl 34236
Date: December 21, 2005
Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
1097 North Tamiami Trail
Nokomis, FL 34275
Date: December 21, 2005
Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank
710 North Brevard Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266
Date: December 21, 2005
Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1760 Mound Street
Sarasota, FL 34236-7761

1097 N. Tamiami Trail
Nokomis, FL 34275-2163

710 N. Brevard Avenue
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