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Blood Bank

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NEWS RELEASE

ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* To
Feature Importance of Blood Donations
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Viewers of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* may be interested in donating blood after watching the show on Sunday, March 19, 2006. The show will feature how blood and bone marrow donations have helped to keep a featured family member alive who is dealing with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a lymphatic cancer. The show will also stress the importance of these types of donations. While this episode was filmed in Palm Beach County where the local blood bank was asked to hold a blood drive on the show set, the need for blood donations is just as much needed here in Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties.

Cancer patients require blood donations everyday for survival. 25% of blood from Suncoast Communities Blood Bank goes to cancer patients. Adult and children cancer patients need blood from all types, especially from Platelet donors. Platelets help with blood clotting. Suncoast Communities Blood Bank encourages the public to watch the TV show and then do something to help build support for their neighbors and immediate community...donate blood. All types of blood are needed at all times. Donated blood also helps cardiac patients, premature babies, trauma victims, burn victims and many others.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank asks the public to visit the locations listed below:

1760 Mound Street
Sarasota

Hours: Monday through Thursdays	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1097 North Tamiami Trail
Nokomis

Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday Closed
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

710 N. Brevard Avenue
Arcadia

Hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Suncoast Communities Bloodmobile will also be at these locations on Monday:

Tri Par Estates
1616 Presidio Drive
Sarasota

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sarasota County Environmental Services and Public Works
1001 Sarasota Central Boulevard
Sarasota

Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

People interested in donating blood must be 16 years of age (16 year olds must have parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health the day of the donation. People with cardiac and diabetic conditions may also be eligible to donate blood. A blood donation takes less than one hour. Walk in donors are welcome. Appointments can also be made by calling 866-954-1600 ext 240 or by visiting www.scbb.org.

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