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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Honored Staff and Supporters Receive Prestigious Awards

Orlando- The Florida Association of Blood Banks (FABB) honored Suncoast Communities Blood Bank (SCBB) with three prestigious awards during FABB's annual awards banquet June 5, 2008.

Sarasota Military Academy received the **High School Award** (category of 150 or less seniors) for its outstanding student participation in support of blood drives. During the 2007/2008 school year, a record-breaking 98% of SMA's eligible junior and senior students donated blood at campus drives.

SCBB board of director Sara Bagley is honored with the **Board Member/Trustee of the Year Award**. Recognized for her dedicated efforts on SCBB's behalf, Mrs. Bagley focuses on long term fundraising to underwrite major capital expenses for facilities and updated technology, requirements to secure the blood bank's future in the dynamic world of transfusion medicine. Mrs. Bagley leads this endeavor among the SCBB's board of directors.

Recognized for his leadership, Scott Bush, SCBB's Chief of Technical Operations, received the prestigious **Dorothy M. Hansen Award**. This award recognizes the state's highest level of professionalism and leadership in service to both the FABB and the community. Mr. Bush has 16 years of experience in blood banking, the past three with SCBB. He is credited with leading SCBB in developing new standards, techniques and measurements in donor recruitment and donor collections. That leadership has created important new efficiencies for SCBB. Mr. Bush follows in the footsteps of SCBB's President of the Board of Directors, Bill Herron, who received this award last year.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank is a 501(c)(3) not for profit community supported blood bank, that for nearly 60 years, has provided a reliable supply of quality blood products and services to hospitals and healthcare centers in need in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. For more information about the blood bank visit www.scbb.org or call 1-866-97 BLOOD.

FABB is a statewide association of community blood banks throughout Florida and its mission is to expand and support blood banking education, donor recruitment, transfusion medicine and administrative services through member collaboration.

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