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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Appreciates Volunteers During
National Volunteer Week, April 23-29
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As part of National Volunteer Week, which runs, April 23rd through April 29th, Suncoast Communities Blood Bank publicly acknowledges and thanks each blood donor who volunteers their time to save lives in Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto Counties. Blood donors are truly appreciated and their selfless act of community service cannot be thanked enough. Each of our blood donors indeed makes a difference for so many people in need of blood!

As part of National Volunteer Week, Suncoast Communities Blood Bank will hold a volunteer luncheon for its administrative and special event volunteers on April 26th. These volunteers will be the guests of honor and served lunch by employees. During this celebration time, a volunteer will receive the "Making a Difference" Award. Volunteers play an important role in the organization and offer their time and talents in so many ways.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Volunteer Program is headed by Mary K. Williams, Volunteer Coordinator. The program is a member of the Friendship Volunteer Center, which is an umbrella organization for non-profit organizations. The Friendship Volunteer Center is an asset to the community that connects volunteers with organizations.

"We are thrilled to have such a wonderful group of volunteers, both blood donors saving precious lives, along with support volunteers who graciously help with administrative tasks. Their efforts in assisting our regular staff make us more efficient in our day-to-day operations," Williams said.

National Volunteer Week is sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network. National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every president since has signed a proclamation promoting this week.

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