

Community Blood Bank News

Working Together to Provide a Safe and Sufficient Blood Supply to Your Community

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Happy Fall!



GET TO KNOW US!

Name: Lauri Hoffmann

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Hometown: Huron, SD

Education: University of Buena Vista, Storm Lake, IA

Family: Husband Jason (also works for CBB as a bloodmobile driver)

How long with CBB: 8 mo (29 years w/ Sanford)

Hobbies: Travel, reading, British medieval & Middle Ages history

Fun Fact: Lauri and Jason met at an Irish dance class in 2009 and married five months later.



*Lauri and her husband Jason
New England
Fall Leaf Tour 2019*

For many people, it's a wonderful time of year, full of harvest gatherings, beautiful colors, cooler days and anticipation of upcoming holidays. The need for blood is always present, especially after a summer of vacations and travel. Please consider a donation during this season of change. We need you and appreciate you!

Community Blood Bank Facts

Did you know all the blood we draw stays local? When you donate in our donor rooms or the bloodmobiles, all of that blood goes to the different Sioux Falls hospitals, and well over 30 community hospitals in eastern South Dakota, southwest Minnesota and northwest Iowa. Other blood bank organizations do not keep that blood here, which is why it's so important to support the Community Blood Bank. You are supporting your neighbors, friends and family.

Covid-19 News

Currently, people who are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask on the bloodmobile, but please keep in mind that could change at any time. Staff are required to wear masks per hospital policy.

Health Corner

Can I donate...?

Pregnant – need to wait until 6 weeks post partum

Miscarriage or Ectopic Pregnancy – need to wait 6 weeks

Nursing – can donate when breastfeeding; 6 weeks postpartum

Mastitis – wait 2 weeks after the end of therapy and feel well

Upcoming Community Events

You can sign up for these on cbb.lifeblood.org; click events, click on the event you want, then click the hyperlink above Details.

Fri 9-3	Avera McKennan Fitness Center – SF	6am - 2pm
Tue 9-7	Prairie Lakes Health - Watertown	8am - 3pm
Sat 9-18	Health Connect Event - Pentagon – SF	11am - 3pm
Mon 9-20	Windom Area Health Heroes – Windom	11am - 6pm
Sat 9-25	Siouxland Libraries/2 locations – SF	9am - 1pm
Sat 10-2	SiouxPerCon – SF	11am - 3pm
Thu 10-7	Dells Area Health – Dell Rapids	7am-2:30pm
Fri 10-22	Outback Steakhouse w/KELO – SF	11am - 3pm
Fri 10-29	KRRO Halloween Event – SF	10am - 3pm
Tue 11-2	Brookings Health System – Brookings	7:30am - 3pm
Mon 11-8	Pipestone Medical Center – Pipestone	10am - 6pm
Mon 11-15	Montgomery's – Madison	9am - 5pm
Tue 11-23	SF Stampede Event – SF	11am - 7pm
Wed 11-24	Osceola Regional Health – Sibley	10am - 5pm

These are just a few of the events; please check our schedule for other events and drives in Sioux Falls and surrounding communities.

A Message From Our Medical Director

The Community Blood Bank collects more than 20,000 units of blood per year. Each one of those units of blood is broken down into components, such as red blood cells, plasma, and platelets. One unit of whole blood, once it's separated, may be transfused to several patients, each with different needs. These life-saving blood products stay in your community and treat people you may know who are immunocompromised, being treated for cancer, or involved in an accident. It is estimated that we need at least 550 units of blood per week to take care of the patients in our region. We are so grateful to our donors, sponsors, businesses, schools, coordinators, mobile and donor room staff, and laboratory workers who come together to meet this challenge. It is truly a team effort.

Unfortunately, with COVID we have experienced increased demand and all of these blood products have a shelf life. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days and platelets within just 5 days. Patients have delayed care for serious illness during the pandemic. We need your continued support. The vast majority of our donors are older than 40 and we always need new donors – so please encourage younger individuals to give blood in your community. Have a wonderful fall season and thank you again for your support of Community Blood Bank!

Ryan Askeland M.D., CBB Medical Director, Sanford USD Medical Center

They say goodbye, we say hello

Bloodmobile phlebotomist Deb Cummings will be retiring after 15 years with Community Blood Bank! We wish her well and hopes she enjoys sleeping in on cold mornings!

Kimberly T. is the new Blood Bank assistant in the Lab. Welcome Kim!

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& Pumpkins Please!



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