



### IN THE U.S. Alone.....

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily
- Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs
- It is estimated that sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.73 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2018. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

For more information about national blood collection and utilization trends, visit the [AABB website](#). AABB is an international, not-for-profit association representing individuals and institutions involved in the field of transfusion medicine and cellular therapies.

**God's two great commandments are to love him with all your heart and soul and to love others like you love yourself (see Matthew 22:36 - 40).**

If your neighbor's life could be saved by donating your blood, does that not abide within what Jesus called the second greatest commandment? This certainly seems to be the case.



### Blood is unique.

It can't be manufactured and animal blood can't replace it. **People** are the only source of blood for those who need this life-saving fluid.

### ***You don't need a special reason to give blood.***

- ◆ Some give blood because they were asked by a friend.
- ◆ Some know a family member who needs blood .
- ◆ Some believe it is the right thing to do.

### **You just need your own reason.**

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life#

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