



Together, we can save a life

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American Red Cross asks who will give the "Gift of Life?"

(Dallas, Tx.....December 1, 2006) Regardless of the time of year, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. During this holiday season, the American Red Cross asks who will step forward to give the "gift of life"? Argyle Veterinary Hospital is doing their part by holding a life saving blood drive at 410 FM 407E, on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

"We're all making lists of our important things to do in preparation for the holidays," says Calvin Smith, Executive Director, Red Cross Blood Services Southwest Region - Texas. "The Red Cross is hoping everyone will remember how important one blood donation can be to a patient in need. Giving blood only takes an hour but can give someone another holiday to celebrate with family and friends."

The Red Cross needs all eligible donors to help maintain a healthy community blood supply during the holiday season. With so many additional demands on time, it can become difficult to make and keep your appointment to save a life. Area hospitals are counting on blood to be available when patients need it. As the single largest supplier of blood in the country, the Red Cross has an obligation to work to collect sufficient quantities of blood to respond when needed—locally, regionally and nationally. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, just call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or Jenny Fidler at 940-464-3231.

You must be at least 17 years old and in good health to donate blood. Each donation includes a mini physical that checks your pulse, blood pressure, iron level and temperature. Please remember to bring a picture I.D. when coming to donate blood.

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