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Bloodworks Northwest Opens New Donor Center in Beaverton, Oregon

Bloodworks Northwest is proud to announce the grand opening of its latest state-of-the-art blood donation center in the heart of Beaverton

SEATTLE (November 10, 2023) – Bloodworks Northwest, the primary blood supplier to hospitals in the Pacific Northwest, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of a new, modern community blood donation center in the heart of Beaverton, Oregon. This initiative represents a significant step in the ongoing commitment to ensuring a stable and robust blood supply for patients in the Pacific Northwest.

The Bloodworks Beaverton Donor Center is celebrating its official opening on **Thursday, November 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** with a ribbon-cutting, open house and <u>blood drive</u>. Bloodworks President and CEO Curt Bailey and local blood recipient Natasha Erickson will be attending the opening. Natasha owes her life to blood transfusions after experiencing a life-threatening birth complication called Amniotic Fluid Embolism and is excited to share her story with the local community.

The Bloodworks <u>Beaverton Donor Center</u> is located at 1800 NW 169th PL Suite # B150 and features five donor beds for blood and platelet donations and will initially operate two days a week on Saturdays and Tuesdays as a donor center. The location is also a home base for a new community bloodmobile serving Beaverton, Portland, Tigard, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego, Tualatin, Sherwood and surrounding areas. Beaverton Donor center hours will expand in the future as the number of donors increases in the area.

"We are thrilled to bring a new and convenient way for people to give blood in Beaverton which is very important to meeting the growing needs of area hospitals," said Bloodworks President and CEO Curt Bailey. "Together, in this vibrant new space and in partnership with our community, we aim to provide all patients the transfusions they need to live and thrive."

This new center will serve as a crucial hub for blood donation in Oregon, providing a convenient and accessible location for local residents to contribute to the ever-important mission of saving lives. Blood donations are vital for a wide range of medical treatments and emergencies, and with the Beaverton Center, the community will now have a dedicated space to make a life-changing impact. **Bloodworks provides 95% of the blood supply** to hospitals in Western Washington and Oregon, including nearby Legacy Health, Providence St. Vincent, and PeaceHealth.

"Bloodworks Northwest plays a vital role in meeting the need for blood in our communities," said Legacy Health Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Melinda Muller M.D. "The long-standing partnership with Bloodworks NW ensures Legacy Health can continue to provide patients needing transfusions for cancer, surgery, and trauma related medical conditions the highest quality health care."

It takes 1,000 donations daily to meet the maintain a safe and reliable blood supply for our region. Donors are encouraged to remember that they can give blood ten days after COVID symptoms resolve. COVID and Flu vaccinations do not affect your ability to donate blood. In addition, starting on December 6, 2023 all potential donors, regardless of gender or sexual orientation, will be asked the same questions to determine if they are eligible to give blood. Information about who can donate and where, is available at <u>www.bloodworksnw.org</u>.

To book a donation appointment at the new Beaverton Donor Center, please call 800-398-7888 or schedule online at <u>www.bloodworksnw.org/donate</u>.

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About Bloodworks Northwest

Donations to Bloodworks Northwest provide a lifesaving blood supply to 95% of Pacific Northwest hospitals. Since 1944, Bloodworks has served the Pacific Northwest as a local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based blood center and research institute. Bloodworks partners closely with local hospitals to deliver the highest level of patient care. Its comprehensive services include blood components, complex cross-matching, specialized lab services for organ transplants, care for patients with blood disorders and collection of cord blood stem cells for cancer treatment. Bloodworks Research Institute performs leading-edge research in blood biology, transfusion medicine, blood storage and treatment of blood disorders. Patients with traumatic injuries, undergoing surgeries or organ transplantation, or receiving treatment for cancer and blood disorders all depend on its services, expertise, laboratories, and research. Hear lifesaving stories by subscribing to the award-winning Bloodworks 101 podcast. Blood donation appointments can be scheduled at BloodworksNW.org.