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Blood Services  
Great Lakes Region



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## About Us

The Great Lakes Blood Services collects blood from volunteer donors in 60 counties across Michigan. We distribute blood and blood products to about 70 hospitals in our Region, and have administrative offices in Flint, Lansing, Muskegon and Petoskey.

The Region stretches 213 miles, from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan; and from the Ohio border 360 miles north to Sault Ste. Marie and the Canadian border. About 5 million people live in the Great Lakes Blood Services Region. Any one of them could need blood at any time.

Last year, the staff collected about 162,000 units of blood from volunteer donors. From these donations, the Region manufactured nearly 405,000 blood products and helped to save thousands of lives across Michigan and the United States.

The Region employs nearly 400 staff members, and operates on a \$38 million budget. Staff members work at Regional facilities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year to answer any emergency: anytime, anywhere. We also work with nearly 30 Red Cross Chapters across Michigan.

Our skilled workforce includes nurses, phlebotomists, laboratory technicians, telephone recruiters, truck drivers, blood drive organizers, computer technicians, secretaries, executives and more. Working together as one, we are all part of the American Red Cross, the most recognized symbol of lifesaving in the entire world.

Staff members of the Great Lakes Region will drive cars and trucks about 2 million miles per year collecting and delivering blood products across Michigan.

This year, we'll serve about a quarter million glasses of fruit drinks to help donors refresh themselves after donating blood. We provide our donors more than 850,000 cookies each year.

We're extremely proud of our volunteer blood donors. Their generosity and desire to help save the lives of their fellow Americans is the real reason the Red Cross has been so successful as the steward of America's blood supply for more than 60 years.

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