

Our story

Please give blood.



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Marian and Darcianne

Marian sat down to control her tears the day she got a call from her best friend.

Within minutes of answering her cell phone, she learned that **Darcianne's** little sister was gravely ill. An aggressive form of childhood cancer had spread through **Mandy's** soft tissue and muscles. She was just 13-years-old. She needed immediate care. And she needed transfusions of blood products to improve her quality of life.

For Marian, Mandy's need was a call to action. Giving **blood and platelets** through the **American Red Cross** was one way she felt she could help. Like Marian, Darcianne donates, too. Everyday, she is thankful for the donors who helped give Mandy a few more years of life to share with family and friends.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be in general good health, and present a donor card or positive ID upon donation. ©2009 The American National Red Cross 04/09AP347

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