

Rock River Valley

BLOOD CENTER

Straight From the Heart



Blood Products from Rock River Valley Blood Center Shipped to Haiti

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, Rock River Valley Blood Center contributed 25 units of blood to a national effort to provide blood products to support patients in Haiti. Working in coordination with AABB's Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism, shipments of blood from Rock River Valley Blood Center arrived in Haiti on Friday, January 29, 2010.

The AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism coordinated this first shipment of blood units for survivors of the Haitian earthquake. [Rock River Valley Blood Center](#), BloodCenter of Wisconsin, Community Blood Center of the Ozarks, Florida Blood Services, LifeSource, Memorial Blood Centers, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center and American Red Cross all donated units to the shipment. Heartland Blood Centers also assisted in the delivery coordination.

"We would like to thank our blood donors for their ongoing commitment that allows us to help save lives whenever and wherever the need arises. Our first priority is always to make sure the needs of patients at our community hospitals are met. Once those needs are met, RRVBC is always willing to assist others when possible. The need for blood is constant. We cannot plan for disasters like this, but we can work to ensure when they do happen that there is a stable blood supply in place," said RRVBC CEO, Linda Gerber.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center serves as a centralized, community blood center and is the **only** provider of blood products and services to Beloit Memorial Hospital, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, FHN, Mercy Harvard Hospital, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rochelle Community Hospital, Rockford Health System, SwedishAmerican Health System and SwedishAmerican Medical Center—Belvidere. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, please call toll free 877-RRVBC-99 or find RRVBC on the web at www.rrvbc.org.

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