A Letter to Friends

On behalf of the patients in the communities we serve, Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services (CBC/ATS) would like to acknowledge with gratitude the precious gifts received from donors, gifts that offer life and hope. Without your support, your blood, and the selfless acts of tissue, eye and organ donation, we could not meet our mission of “saving and enhancing lives.” Thank you.

In 2011 Community Blood Center provided more than 108,000 blood products, including red cells, platelets, plasma and cryoprecipitate, to 25 hospitals in 15 counties in western Ohio and eastern Indiana. Community Tissue Services, with its ten locations across the country, provided more than 204,000 tissue grafts nationally and internationally.

The move by CTS to the new Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research (CTIR) took place in the first quarter of 2011. An official grand opening was held in May featuring keynote presentations by local dignitaries, medical professionals and tissue recipients from across the United States. A picnic and open house offered all employees a tour showcasing an expanded, leading-edge research and development laboratory, 14 state-of-the-art tissue processing Class 100 clean rooms, and a beautiful facility that accommodates a ten-year growth plan. Additionally, CTIR achieved certification to ISO 13485:2003, an international standard for quality management systems for medical device manufacturers which addresses regulatory requirements. In December, CTS celebrated its 25th Anniversary of providing lifesaving and life-enhancing tissue grafts for transplantation.

CBC/ATS headquarters and blood operations remain at the downtown Dayton location. Blood needs in the community were met in 2011 with an ample supply. CBC initiated a successful partnership with the Dayton Dragons Baseball Team which inspired summer donors to “step up to the plate and donate.” The blood education program, including classroom instruction and the Learning About Blood (LAB) interactive vehicle, received a national award of excellence from the Foundation for America’s Blood Centers. In December CBC began Chagas testing on every donor and this year will put into action a new donor information management system.

CBC/ATS embraced new media as a way to converse with our friends and customers. Look for company updates at FiftyLives.org, CommunityTissue.org, and GivingBlood.org. We are “getting social” and invite you to follow us @FiftyLives and @BloodDonor on Twitter and to join the conversations at Facebook.com/FiftyLives and Facebook.com/CommunityBldCenter.

In closing, CBC/ATS will continue to work hard this year to keep your trust and to provide the best services and products for patients in need. We could not do what we do without you and your support. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.
WHEN PATHS CROSS, LIVES ARE CHANGED

How many times in life do we set out on a course, our intentions etched in stone, all the details punched into the dashboard GPS... only to discover detours, delays and misdirection? Our mission at Community Blood Center / Community Tissue Services is to greet travelers when they are most confused and dismayed and help them find a new way.

No, we are not the crossing guard. Life is not only about choices, it’s about the freedom to choose. But when someone decides to give the gift of life – through transfusion or transplant – they set a course that will cross paths with countless lives. Each step that brings life journeys together this way is its own incremental miracle.

CBC/CTS provides donors the extraordinary opportunity to save and enhance lives. Community Blood Center is a quality, ethical provider of blood components, laboratory services, transfusion medicine and therapeutic blood services invaluable to sustaining a safe and adequate blood supply. CBC’s highest priority is to serve donors, patients and the medical community with the highest standards possible.

Community Tissue Services is a quality, ethical provider of transplant services to donor families, recipients, the medical community and community partners through the recovery, processing and distribution of tissue grafts. CTS takes a leadership role in serving these needs, constantly striving to be on the forefront of new graft development and biotechnology.

CBC/CTS acknowledges that losing your way and wandering alone may sometime be part of life’s journey. But we also believe that when we connect at a crossroad, and partner with fellow travelers to replace plight with promise, we find a road worth taking and a journey we can all make together.

Research and Development Update

The move to state-of-the-art facilities in the Center for Tissue Innovation and Research was a definitive highlight for the Research and Development department in 2011. Our existing capabilities for biomechanics testing, biochemistry, and product development were expanded, and new capabilities in cell culture and characterization were brought online later in the year.

Research on alternative tissue sterilization methods was a primary focus, and studies on both tissue safety and function are scheduled for completion in early 2012. Data on the performance of a membranous allograft for treating orthopaedic injuries were promising and product development is underway.

In addition, we assisted our operations group with several studies aimed at optimizing our current processes for graft production. A research paper on the effects of storage conditions on cortical bone was accepted for publication in Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research, and we presented our work on skin graft bioburden reduction at the American Association of Tissue Banks 2011 Annual Meeting.

Research performed in our lab on demineralized bone was also included in a paper recently published in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

DR. DAVID SMITH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TISSUE BANKS

Dr. David Smith took over as president of the American Association of Tissue Banks (AATB) at the annual meeting in Scottsdale, AZ on Sept. 30, 2011 and will serve a two year term.

AATB is the only national tissue banking organization in the U.S. Dr. Smith will oversee the organization’s more than 100 accredited tissue banks and 1,000 individual members. These banks recover tissue from more than 30,000 donors and distribute in excess of two million allografts in the U.S.
LIVING HIS DREAM

The Gift Behind Dan Jensen’s Miracle Comeback

When Dan Jensen took the mound for the Dayton Dragons on opening night of the 2012 minor league baseball season and turned in a flawless relief performance, it was more than a hometown boy making good on a childhood dream. It was a journey back from the edge, made possible by the gift of life.

Coming out of Centerville High School in 2007 Dan’s best offer to play baseball came from Sinclair Community College in Dayton. That summer, during a routine tonsillectomy, his carotid artery was nicked. Days later he underwent emergency surgery and lost 65 percent of his blood volume. He returned home grateful to have survived a major threat to his life. Four days later, the surgical repair failed.

“I was sleeping downstairs when it happened,” recalls Dan. “I couldn’t yell – blood was filling up my mouth. All I could think of to do was hit my phone – send – send – send – to my dad. The call woke him up and he got me to the hospital. If he hadn’t woken up I would have died.”

This time 75 percent of his blood volume was replaced and to save him his surgeons permanently tied-off his left carotid artery.

“I went from 225 pounds down to 165 after I got out of ICU,” Dan remembers. “I needed a stool to take a shower. I couldn’t stand for that long.”

Dan slowly worked his way back into shape. He was determined not only to play baseball again, but to be a starting pitcher, one of the most physically and mentally demanding jobs in sports. He wanted the chance to again carry his team on his shoulders.

First up, a strong come-back season at Sinclair, followed by a scholarship to the University of Cincinnati and three years as a starter. Then the call from the Reds. His “dream team” as a youngster drafted him in the 20th round. He started for their rookie team last season and is a reliever for the single-A Dragons this season.

Through it all Dan has been a champion for blood donations. He encourages his former Sinclair teammates to donate and joined them for a visit to Community Blood Center during the off-season. Dan Jensen has never forgotten that blood donations meant not only the chance to live his dream, but to simply live.

June 30, 2011 – Donate Life America data shows 42% of US adults (18 and older) are registered as organ, eye and tissue donors.

Avoid fried foods, which angry up the blood.

– Satchel Paige
“I TRY TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY”
CBC’S DANA PUTERBAUGH NAMED NATIONAL TOP RECRUITER

Ask anyone in Darke Co. to name the greatest champion for saving lives through the gift of life and the answer without hesitation will be Community Blood Center Account Representative Dana Puterbaugh. The Association of Donor Recruitment Professionals (ADRP) has answered the same way by recognizing Dana as the 2011 National Recruiter of the Year.

“We like to call Dana one of the hardest-working professionals in Darke Co., if not our entire service area,” said CBC Donor Relations Director Andrew Keelor. “She is part of that strong fabric of community support in Darke Co., she knows her donors as neighbors, and she inspires everyone to reach down and do more.”

Dana joined CBC more than 11 years ago as a part-time recruiter and through hard work and innovation developed her role into a full-time position. Since then she has doubled Darke Co. collections to more than 5,700 units a year. She oversees 130 blood drives per year, coordinates multiple special events and fundraisers, and works with more than 65 sponsor groups to accomplish her blood drive goals.

“It’s a profound honor,” says Dana. “I’m just doing my job and I am fortunate to have the great people – the donors – I get to work with. It’s an honor to do the work I do. I just try to make people happy.”

ADRP established the Donor Recruiter of the Year Award in 1982 to recognize donor recruiters as “the heart of the organization and the blood banking industry.” Reaching out to donors is Dana’s unique talent, and in that indispensable way she is “the heart of CBC.”

CTS – 25 YEARS OF SAVING AND ENHANCING LIVES

On Dec. 20, 2011 Community Tissue Services celebrated 25 years of providing lifesaving and life-enhancing tissue grafts for transplantation.

“We look forward to being on the forefront of product and biotechnology development and setting the industry standard for excellence in tissue banking technology,” said Dr. David Smith, CEO of Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services. “Together, with the extraordinary gift from its tissue donors, CTS will continue to save and enhance lives for many years to come.”

CTS was founded in Dayton, OH in 1986 to fulfill the needs of the local community for tissue allografts. It has grown into a national network distributing more than 200,000 allografts annually, making it one of the largest tissue banks in the country and the largest non-profit provider of skin grafts for severe burn patients.

I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.
– Winston Churchill
**HE WALKED THE WALK**

**HAROLD O’CONNELL – INSPIRATIONAL ENVIRONMENTALIST, RUNNER... AND DONOR**

Harold O’Connell was a man on the run. He took the long view when it came to the environment, fitness and friendship. He was proud of his “5 Gallon Blood Donor” pin and was a registered organ and tissue donor. He recruited co-workers to race at club events, or follow his lanky, 6-foot-5 frame on long gallops through the woods. But his friends remember him best for his steadiest pace. A man “who walked the walk.”

Harold’s last run was on August 6, 2011. As he neared the end of a 6.2 mile race he turned to a young runner next to him and said “Let’s finish strong.” He ran through the finish and was removing his race number when he suddenly stood up straight and collapsed. Harold O’Connell died of a heart attack at the age of 53.

“Harold was the kind of person who looked at life as a challenge he needed to conquer,” his wife Lisa says. His passions included his lifelong environmental work at the Ohio EPA, his involvement with the Ohio River Runners Club, and his support of blood donations.

“Every eight weeks he gave,” she said. “He felt it was really important. ‘They like my blood type!’ he’d say. And he also encouraged other people to do it.”

Paul Pardi, a close friend at EPA, said Harold motivated others through example. “He also walked the walk,” said Paul. “He took the bus in every day to work. That was important to him. And that’s just one example.”

True to the way he lived his life, Harold’s spirit continues. Not just in the legacy of his live-saving blood donations, but after his death in the Community Blood Center blood drive held in his honor and in his life-enhancing gifts of tissue donations.

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One tissue donor may enhance the lives of more than 50 recipients.

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And your very flesh shall be a great poem.

— WALT WHITMAN
REMEMBERING ALICIA
– 10 YEARS AFTER 9/11

In the 10 years since Sept. 11, 2001 memories of Alicia are frozen in time. She remains the 28-year-old Graham High School and Miami University graduate who quit her job in finance with a plan to travel the world and study journalism. She became a United Airlines flight attendant about eight months before 9/11, the day her hijacked plane struck one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

Her memory might have grown as cold as the 12-foot steel support beam from Ground Zero that is now in place at the Freedom Grove Memorial Park in her hometown of Urbana. Instead, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, memories of Alicia remained warm and vibrant. First, in the life-affirming Alicia Titus Memorial Peace Program at Urbana University (founded by her father John Titus, a former dean) and in the life-saving Alicia Titus Memorial Blood Drive on campus by Community Blood Center.

On Sept. 11, 2001, thousands flocked to blood banks to donate far more blood than could be readily put to use. It was out of a need to act, to respond, to a national tragedy. “I do think it’s symbolic,” reflected Alicia’s mother Beverly Titus. “People wanting to do something, donate blood to help other persons, and possibly save their lives. To me it’s a symbol of everything we’ve gone through since 9/11, all of us as human beings.”

Her father turned his journal writings into a book, “Losing Alicia – A Father’s Journey After 9/11.” “I still feel sadness and I am OK with that,” he said. “I welcome it when it comes. It’s real and part of me. I accept that. It comes with having the love I had for my daughter, a love that never ceases.”

500,000 Americans donated blood in the days following the September 11th attacks.

Blood alone moves the wheels of history.
– Martin Luther
MIAMI UNIVERSITY’S BIG FAT GREEK WEEK BLOOD DRIVE, AND DECADES OF GIVING

It was one Big Fat Greek Week Blood drive at Miami University August 31-September 1 as the Oxford campus kicked off the 2011-12 academic year. The drive registered 659 donors, including University President Dr. David Hodge who stopped by to roll up his sleeve and donate, and then chat with students over juice and cookies in the Donor Café.

The Shriver Center was a beehive of activity during the drive. As a kick-off event for Greek Week, the blood drive is the first chance for fraternities and sororities to earn points toward the overall Greek Week title by scheduling the most appointments to donate. Many of the students were new chapter members who rushed last spring, contributing to the total of 346 first-time CBC donors.

“We encourage it,” says Brook Munger, a senior from Greenwood, IN who is VP of the Greek Week program committee and a volunteer organizer of the drive. “Ever since I’ve been a student we’ve had the blood drive. Most of the chapters are here to give blood. It’s not really a stress on our competition because we are all so active and we want to give!”

The last 10 years (2001 to September 2011) have seen tremendous growth with an average of more than 17 drives per year, a 45 percent increase. Over that time 17,169 registered to donate with 13,938 units collected. 9,447 of those registered were unique donors who gave at a frequency rate of 1.8 – nearly twice - in their brief college careers. 7,427 were first-time donors, an astounding 78 percent.

Miami also promotes external challenges with blood drive competitions against sister institutions, most notably arch rival Ohio University. The student organizers effectively utilize social media technology as an innovative recruiting technique to drive reservations and fill the appointment schedule. Blood donation is so integral to the campus culture and awareness that CBC is listed as a service in the employee handbook.

October 11, 2011 – Donate Life America announces 100 millionth organ, eye and tissue donor registered in the US. New national goal set to register 20 million more by the end of 2012.

Who has fully realized that history is not contained in thick books but lives in our very blood? – Carl Jung
A MESSAGE TO DONORS
– FROM LYMPHOMA SURVIVOR KRIS BURCH

Through the years, my family and I had donated blood once in awhile but not consistently. We never realized how important giving blood was until I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

In 2003 I was diagnosed with diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, an aggressive form of cancer. I had a mass the size of a grapefruit in my chest that had collapsed part of my left lung and was wrapped around the great vessels of my heart. It was inoperable. I had chemotherapy over the next nine months. Then I was told I would need a stem cell transplant.

I received high doses of chemotherapy to kill off my bone marrow and hopefully any remaining cancer cells. Then the stem cells were given to me through an IV. It took a few weeks for the stem cells to start making new blood cells. During this time I received multiple blood transfusions and platelets.

Platelets clot your blood. There were times when there were no platelets available and my count was critically low. Platelets only last about five days so they were in high demand. I live in Cincinnati and there were none in the entire city.

I was told to “be careful.” If I had an accident I could bleed to death. Red blood cells help carry oxygen and when they are low you feel like you just ran a marathon, but didn’t. My Dad is an avid runner. There was one time I felt like a million dollars after one of my transfusions. I thought it must have come from someone like my Dad.

Since then my Dad has been giving blood faithfully every two months since my diagnosis. He is giving back so another person’s loved one can get the blood they need during treatment.

My Mom had made me a beautiful quilt for my hospital bed. It made my sterile room feel more like home. I knew it was made with love and prayers. At the (Richmond) blood center, Dad would get cookies and juice and sometimes a t-shirt. Well, my Mom, being the quilter she is, decided to make a t-shirt quilt and give it to the blood center.

I am so thankful for having wonderful, caring and admirable parents. That is our story.

I would like to thank everyone who takes the time out of their busy lives to donate blood. Blood is life-saving and life-sustaining. You all give so much and receive back so little. Thank you so much and God bless you.

Kris Burch

1972 – Apheresis was used to extract one cellular component, returning the rest of the blood to the donor.

Politics is a blood sport. – Aneurin Bevan
KATE GIVES THANKS FOR ‘ONE MORE DAY’ IN ROSE PARADE

Everything was coming up roses for tissue recipient Kate Taylor as 2012 got underway. She was one of the 28 riders representing Community Tissue Services and the organ, eye and tissue donation community on the Donate Life Rose Parade Float in the January 2 Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

At the age of four Kate was diagnosed with aortic valve insufficiency and knew she would need a heart valve tissue transplant one day. That day came sooner than she expected. She was 22 when her quarterly heart check-up revealed the need for open-heart surgery.

Thanks to a transplanted aortic valve, Kate is alive and well. She wed the love of her life 29 days after surgery. She went on to study for her master’s degree, travel, work and enjoy life. She was able to carry a pregnancy and give birth to a beautiful, healthy daughter. “For this, and so much more, I am forever grateful to the family who chose to help another during their most terrible tragedy,” Kate said.

Kate and her family traveled to Pasadena on December 29th to help decorate the float and participate in activities encouraging organ and tissue donation. Kate willingly shares her story to inspire others to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. “I’m truly honored and very excited to be on the float and to help spread the message about donation in such a beautiful and meaningful way,” she said.

The theme of the ninth annual Donate Life Float was “One More Day.” Recipients of all life-saving and life-enhancing transplants know all too well how precious time can be. The float featured giant floral clocks above Kate and her fellow riders.

Riders and honorees are sponsored by official partners of the Donate Life Rose Parade float. Kate was sponsored by Community Tissue Services and Cryolife, Inc.

The Rose Parade is a splendid New Year’s tradition and the Rose Bowl, “the granddaddy of all college bowl games,” always draws a national audience. CTS and fellow sponsors hope the association with these grand spectacles will inspire viewers to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and give new hope to people with so much life to live. People like Kate Taylor.

December 22, 1818 – British obstetrician and physiologist James Blundell performs the first recorded human-to-human blood transfusion. The patient dies after initially showing improvement.

You know you’re old if they have discontinued your blood type.

– Phyllis Diller
CBC’S “IRON MAN” – TOP DONOR
WENDELL CLARK

No one is a better “pitch man” for the cause of blood donations than Wendell Clark. Like baseball legend Cal Ripken, Jr., Wendell is an “Iron Man.” He is Community Blood Center’s top active donor and represented CBC well when he tossed out the first pitch at a Dayton Dragons game in 2011. He turns 60 in the summer of 2012 and has no plans to slow down.

My goal is to hit 600,” he says of his lifetime donations, which in the spring stood at 555. “But if I can stay healthy, I can hit 800.”

Wendell had reached 535 lifetime donations when he nervously took the mound for that special CBC Night at the Dragons game pitch. The stands were full of blood donors as special guests and his family was watching from a luxury suite. His aim was true as he threw a strike for the gift of life. Afterward, he was somewhat relieved when he said, “I was surprised how quick it was over! It was a great honor to help the Blood Center and throw out the first pitch for them.”

Wendell sensed a calling years ago when he learned his AB+ type and CMV (cytomegalovirus) negative blood made him an ideal apheresis donor.

“It makes my platelets and plasma good for babies and cancer patients,” he explains. “I actually know of a couple of kids I’ve helped. One is a little girl, Molly, from Centerville. She needed a bone marrow transplant. She was just a baby when I started donating. I met her, and you would never know she had ever been sick!”

There are many blood recipients who have never met Wendell, but are thankful for his generosity, his dedication, his gift.

1901 – Austrian physician Karl Landsteiner publishes his discovery of the three main human blood groups A, B, and C, which he later changes to O.

I prefer winter and fall, when you feel the bone structure of the landscape. Something waits beneath it; the whole story doesn’t show. – Andrew Wyeth
In the community of blood donors, blood recipients and caregivers, Emily Roberts is “family.” The gift of life saved her when she was a 13-year-old leukemia patient, and in a remarkable legacy it also came to save her tiny daughter Becca when she was born 12 weeks premature.

Emily was diagnosed with leukemia in 2000. Through the course of her treatment she received more than 100 units of blood and two bone marrow transplants, as well as multiple blood products during her chemotherapy. By the age of 16 she was considered cured.

Then Becca came along in 2008. Born in the NICU at just 26 weeks, she needed a transfusion immediately due to low blood volume. Her first days were on a ventilator, she continued to need oxygen, and she slowly gained strength through a feeding tube for the next six weeks. On April 14, 2008 she was finally able to go home.

Becca is now three and in pre-school (and on the day of this conversation, very proud of herself for drawing the letter “B” as she learns to spell her name). “She’s small,” says Emily proudly, “but she’s fine.” All this experience has inspired Emily’s career path. She just received her nursing certification and is looking for her first job. She will continue her training with the goal of specializing in pediatric oncology. “Obviously blood products, blood donors and the bone marrow registry saved my life,” she says, “and saved my daughter’s life.”

She has yet another reason to feel grateful. Her mother survived breast cancer 12 years ago and went into remission. She recently relapsed, but has just finished treatment, and according to Emily, “beat it again.”

Emily looks back at all the blood products she received when she was a scared young girl in the ICU – red blood cells, platelets, white blood cells – and reflects on her life in the family of blood stewardship.

“I tell everybody I can, go donate blood when you can,” she says. “You never know if you’ll need it, if your child will need it, or if some total stranger 13-year-old girl with her whole life in front of her is going to need it!”

Emily plans to graduate from nursing school this September and get married in October, 2012.
AN “A+” YEAR FOR CBC EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Community Blood Center Education Program reaches for the stars as it spreads the word about the magical gift of blood donations, and it encourages young students to do the same.

The program began the year on a high note by receiving the 2010 Foundation of America’s Blood Centers Caridian BCT Award of Excellence. This award recognized the overall scope, reach and community benefit of the CBC Education Program. The honor was fitting, as the Education Program increased its reach in 2011 to more than 13,000 students.

CBC Education Specialist Cristina Pickle is part health teacher, part blood scientist, part entertainer – and the students respond enthusiastically to all three. She takes the Blood 101 program directly to elementary, middle and high school classrooms across CBC’s 15-county region. She encourages spirited class interaction as she challenges myths about blood and uses colorful props to explain what blood is made of and how it works.

“I didn’t get bored at all!” one middle school student confessed to his mom. And as one second grader told Cris, “The body sure is amazing.”

Cris is always on the go and logs many miles aboard the LAB, the “Learning About Blood” mobile classroom. Inside, kids of all ages can visualize a heartbeat, check their heart rate, and learn interesting blood facts in a hands-on atmosphere.

The Red Cord Honor Program gives hundreds of high school seniors the opportunity to proudly wear the Red Cord at graduation or award ceremonies. Seniors earn this distinction by registering to donate blood at least three times during their high school careers.

The Lead the Way Scholarship Program sponsored by Vectren awards $5,000 in scholarships to support the young adults who will be our blood resource leaders of tomorrow. It is open to college bound seniors whose high school hosts a CBC blood drive during the academic year. Applicants are asked to imagine themselves as the leader of their school’s blood drive and are challenged to create a winning Donor Recruitment Campaign.

March 15, 1937 – Dr. Bernard Fantus coins the term “blood bank” to describe the blood donation, collection, and preservation facility he starts at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL.

Life is the only real counselor; wisdom unfiltered through personal experience does not become a part of the moral tissue. – Edith Wharton
How do you write a story about your child? What do you say? What can you say that will express the depth of love we had and still have for him? Would tears stains on this paper let readers know of the enormous loss my husband and I are working through?

Our son Kyle Kenneth Crybskey was born September 15, 1986 - just 14 months after our first child. I almost didn't want him; I was scared, young, with a baby at home already, still physically healing from that birth. But into the world he came, absolutely beautiful! He stopped breathing in the hospital and somehow I knew that this one would need extra “watching out for”.

Kyle was so kind-hearted, yet tried to be tough on the outside so no one would know. At four years old, he realized that the big truck that came to our farm one fall day was there to take all his cows. He grabbed me by the hand and walked me to the house and into his bedroom, where he started sobbing at the loss of “his” cows.

He fell from every tree and broke his arm doing a jump on his bike from the porch. Not one tear fell from his eyes until he could quietly have his mom all to himself, who hugged him and reassured him that everything would be O.K.

He found an abandoned kitten once, its eyes not even open yet. I gave him the choice: walk away, or you take care of that kitten all by yourself until it could eat on its own and then you had to give it away. Kyle was 16. He kept it, bought a bottle and formula from the local vet, and was told to wipe the kitten’s bottom after every feeding with a wet paper towel because that’s what Mama Kitties do. Kyle did all of this, night and day! That little kitten loved Kyle, how could you not? And then I made him give it away... which he did.

Two days before Kyle died he took me to the doctor for a migraine shot. Kyle had been at work all night, but he never complained. He held my hand, rubbed my back, and when I got sick, got me home and comfortable just in time for him to go to work again. I told him I loved him and he said, “I know mom, I love you too.” Those were literally the last words we said to each other.

Saturday, February 13, 2010, Kyle took his girlfriend to Mt. Hood Meadows to go snowboarding for Valentine’s Day. He went down one run, she went down another. When she got to the bottom Kyle wasn’t there. She did see the ski patrol doing CPR on a guy they had on a board coming down the mountain. She couldn’t tell it was Kyle, so she went back up and called him from the top. When the ski patrol answered and told her to come to the first aid hut, she realized that it was Kyle they had been helping.

He had died almost immediately after “flat-landing” an enormous jump. Again, because Kyle was a giving soul, he had given his helmet to his girlfriend to wear because she didn’t have one. He was 23 years old, a loving, big-hearted, giving boy who we miss so very, very much!

When we were approached to give Kyle’s tissue we said yes without hesitation because Kyle had indicated this desire on his license, and to me personally, how important it was to help others.

Kyle signed up for every blood drive at school. He started donating when his good friend needed marrow for leukemia treatments (he has since passed as well). Kyle had beautiful eyes to see the world with, and I think he would be happy if someone else could see what’s beautiful in this world as well.

Thank you Kyle for being my son for 23 years, and thank you GOD for giving him to me.

Mom & Dad love you and miss you so much!
ST. HENRY BLOOD DONOR GRABS GOLDEN TICKET, WINS JEEP

Dan Lange of St. Henry kept a stone-cold poker face to the very end. If he was excited, anxious or even hopeful, he never showed his hand. He was the only Top 10 Finalist in the Community Blood Center Jeep Patriot drawing who refused to speculate about good fortune, insisting “I haven’t won anything yet”... until he did.

A computer had chosen the 10 finalists from the 25,000 people who registered to donate blood during the summer Jeep Patriot Giveaway campaign. The finalists got to pick their sealed envelope from a table. Lange was the first to choose, but cool to the end, the last one to open it. Only his held the “golden ticket” with the inscription “winner.”

“I wasn’t going to open it right away,” he said, still beaming with satisfaction. “I was going to let everyone else go first. I pulled it out, and on the other side... it was gold. I said ‘Oh my goodness!'”

After a hug and kiss from his joyful wife Jody, Lange went down the line of finalists, shaking hands with everyone. Only Lange was the Jeep winner, but they all shared the bond of being blood donors.

“I want to thank you for what you have done,” said CEO Dr. David Smith, “Not for us – we’re just the middle men – but for the people you have helped who need and depend on the gift of life. We thank you and all our CBC donors.”

May 25, 2005 – FDA finalized its good tissue practice for establishments that manufacture human cell, tissue, and cellular and tissue-based products.

Red is one of the strongest colors, it’s blood, it has a power with the eye. In fact I use red in all of my paintings. – Keith Haring
Sunlight floods in through the massive, cathedral windows of the University of Dayton Rec-Plex, a true place of pilgrimage for all things active, healthy and athletic for the student body. But the busiest part of the building isn’t the pool, courts, or track. It’s the blood drive.

The University of Dayton didn’t just “embrace” Community Blood Center in the 2011 academic year. Students, faculty and staff wrapped their wings around CBC and took flight.

To start, the UD campus made the seismic jump from the respectable two blood drives on campus a year ago to a whopping 10 drives this academic year, hosted by the university and the law school. Every corner of the campus seemed to take some ownership.

At least 42 clubs, Greeks and other organizations participated as drive sponsors, recruiters and volunteers. “We went from two to 10 drives,” said a proud CBC Rep. Donna Teuscher. “It’s their value system. It’s what they teach. This is what they embrace, and the community service is huge.”

That’s why blood donor Kori Reinke, a sophomore from Muncie, IN, knew UD was for her as soon as she stepped foot on campus. “When I came to UD I was looking to be involved,” she said. She considered several Catholic colleges but responded strongly to the Marianist value of service she found at UD.

The Society of Mary, founded by Father William Joseph Chaminade, emphasizes working with the poor and nourishing the mind, body, and soul. “I definitely wanted the community service, and that is a basic part of Marianist values,” said Kori.

That sense of duty seems to come with enrollment at UD. Students here honor the long tradition of participating in causes for social justice, community involvement and simply acting individually and collectively to help others and make the world a better place.

It was a day when Mother Nature threw back the sashes and let warm spring breezes and bright sunshine flood the winter-weary campus of Central State University. Anyone ready to cut class on this unseasonably warm March morning might also be tempted to skip the Community Blood Center blood drive on campus, but these community-minded students wouldn’t let that happen.

“Community service is a core value of our sorority,” explained Rebecca Crawford, a senior pre-med student from Baltimore, MD who attends neighboring Wilberforce University. Rebecca and her Delta Sigma Theta sisters Kyra Murray from Detroit, MI and Deleesa Cole from Indianapolis, IN were all on spring break but kept the blood drive at CSU on their calendars.

Central State students were dreaming of spring break but remained focused on class and committed to making the CSU blood drive a success. “What motivates me is wanting to help people in need and the less fortunate,” said Teaairra Colbert, a CSU student from Cincinnati.

Sophomore Aramys Hayes, an Army ROTC student from Detroit shares his experience as a donor with his friends to encourage donations. “They see me as brave,” he says quietly as he donates. “Because some people, when they hear of it, are kind of scared. I felt that way myself, and still do. But I know it’s helping someone, and it’s for a good cause.”
United Way Honors Gift of Life “Couples” Courier Teams

The United Way of the Greater Dayton Area honors one community volunteer of the month as part of its “Live United” campaign. In March the number of honorees ballooned to 18 as UW recognized an “army” of Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services volunteers. Sharing the award were nine couples who serve as Gift of Life courier teams.

“This is the first time the UW Volunteer Center has ever recognized volunteer teams for their volunteer of the month award,” said CBC/CTS Volunteer Resources Manager Cissy Hansen.

The Gift of Life couriers deliver blood to 25 hospitals in CBC’s 15-county service area. They also make weekly round trips to the Indianapolis Community Tissue Center and make evening rounds to the four CBC branch sites to pick up blood.

In 2011, Gift of Life Couriers made more than 1,000 trips to hospitals and branch sites, transporting more than 250,000 blood units.

Cissy notes that many volunteers are long-time blood donors who are happy to find a new way to support CBC/CTS.

“For the past three years we have been able to say ‘Can you continue to help us in the community and join us as a volunteer?’” says Cissy. “Now hundreds of these donors and past donors support CBC in new ways by volunteering at blood drives, as guest relations ambassadors in the Dayton CBC Donor Café, at the Research Park facility, Recovery Partners–CTS and our beloved Gift of Life Couriers.”

COUPLE COURIER TEAMS: Norm and Nancy Sorensen; Jerry and Cynthia Snyder; Jack and Nancy Cox; Jeff and Lucia Kunst; George Ball and Ruby Wilkins; Mary Ann and John Fecke; Tom and Brenda Slocum; Mark and Denise Minch; Sal and Lidylann Spinola.

Volunteer Excellence from LexisNexis

LexisNexis promises “experts at your fingertips” for the legal, education and government industries. Thankfully for Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services and countless blood and tissue recipients, those same experts don’t mind a prick on the fingertip as they donate at one of the six blood drives held each year on the sprawling Miamisburg campus of their world headquarters, or the hands-on approach they take to volunteering at CBC/CTS.

“It's my first time here, and my first time ever!” says employee Sara Waymire as she prepared to donate. She says her dad “has been donating blood forever” and she wanted to follow his example. “I called him because I was a little nervous. He said, “Oh, the finger prick is the worst part and you'll be fine!” Turns out, says Sara, that dad was right.

Donating is more of a routine for Anna Carse. “It's definitely a plus because they do it on campus,” says Anna. “It eliminates all the prep time and wait time. You couldn’t make it any more convenient.”

Sarah Slamer from the marketing/operations group is enthusiastic about recruiting fellow employees for the drives. She began donating blood when her college roommate was injured in a car accident. “I keep bugging people!” she says, “Go sign up, go sign up!”

“They are so great,” says CBC Rep. Donna Teuscher. “They host six drives a year and the appointments keep going up and up. You just couldn’t ask for better support.”

The LexisNexis Cares program also allows their friendly, energetic and community-minded employees to volunteer time at CBC or CTS. They track their LexisNexis Cares hours so they can contribute several visits to CBC/CTS a year. They do like to show their expertise at LexisNexis, including how to be a model for corporate volunteerism!
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‘Rudolph’ leads the way for Kettering Health Network Volunteers

For the most part, the group of senior leaders from the Kettering Health Network were all business on the morning of December 9th as they volunteered their time preparing tissue packaging for Community Tissue Services. Even so, you couldn’t help but acknowledge the reindeer in the room!

Chelsea Lambert wore her brightest reindeer antlers and an outfit with matching colors. Even though she was the “Rudolph” of the bunch, the others never laughed and called her names, and they DID let her play in the reindeer games!

More unexpected than a fellow volunteer sprouting antlers was the random fire drill that took place around 9:30 a.m. Everyone huddled outside the CBC building in the chilly morning, waiting for the all-clear to go back inside. There in the crowd was Chelsea and her reindeer antlers. She was smiling, of course, because reindeer are used to the cold!

Chelsea “Rudolph” Lambert
When It Comes To Giving The Gift Of Life, The Peerless Group ‘Takes The Cake’

Community Blood Center has a lot in common with The Peerless Group in Sidney, First, Peerless is a leader in the baking equipment industry, and that’s interesting to blood donors who have been known to enjoy cookies. But Peerless is also a true partner in the mission of saving lives. That commitment was obvious on October 14, 2011 when the plant marked its 1,000th employee blood drive donation.

The distinction went to Johnathan Hale, the 18th donor of the drive. “That’s pretty crazy,” he said shaking his head. “That’s a lot of blood!”

Plant Manager Rob Zielsdorf chairs the Peerless blood drives, now up to six a year. “When we started, it was literally walking around asking ‘Will you donate?’” recalls Zielsdorf. But the drives grew as word spread about what the gift of life can do. “People effectively telling their stories,” says Zielsdorf, “really has made an impact.”

Peerless ranks 18th among all CBC corporate blood drives, an output disproportionately high for the size of the company.

When it comes to a “can do” attitude Peerless truly is without peer. And among companies that care, they take the cake.
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Visit the sparkling Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research and the openness of the building's design is revealed as a metaphor for its spirit of sharing. Separated only by glass, visitors see the careful, respectful and ethical treatment of tissue, intended by the donor for someone in need. Like the arched walls of glass that connect CTS to the sky, there is no limit to the life-saving work that takes place here.

Elements IV Interiors was a significant contributor to the open, natural design of CTIR. It was fitting that an important Elements IV fundraiser for CBC/CTS was held under the open sky. The annual golf outing at Cassel Hills Golf Course in Vandalia resulted in a $5,030 donation to CBC/CTS.

“Community Blood Center and Community Tissue Services is a vital member of the greater Dayton area,” said Kim Duncan, founding partner and executive vice president of Elements IV. “We were humbled by their service and are honored to support their efforts through our community outreach program in 2011.”
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2011 CBC BLOOD STATISTICS

Blood Donations .............................................. 83,926
First Time Donors ........................................... 13,043
Number of calls to potential donors ........ 328,336
Number of tests performed .............. 1.6M (blood and platelet donors)

2011 TISSUE GRAFTS

CTS - Dayton .................................................... 72,301
CTS – Fort Worth, TX ........................................ 14,212
CTS – Portland, OR ........................................ 35,516
CTS – Fresno, CA ........................................... 8,643
CTS - Indianapolis, IN ....................................... 11,866
CTS – Toledo, OH ........................................... 13,211
CTS- Bensalem, PA .......................................... 41,415
CTS – Memphis, TN ......................................... 4,922
Total ................................................................. 202,086

2011 TISSUE DONORS RECOVERED

CTS - Dayton ......................................................... 269
CTS – Indianapolis, IN ..................................... 287
CTS – Memphis, TN ............................................ 91
CTS – Portland, OR .......................................... 850
CTS – Fort Worth, TX ....................................... 349
CTS – Toledo, OH ............................................ 267
CTS - Branch Total ......................................... 2,113
Recovery Partner Total .......................... 2,063
Total (CTS & Recovery Partners) .................. 4,176

2011 Financial Highlights

Assets ............................................................. 132,066,256 $122,542,022
Liabilities ......................................................... 41,409,630 $38,436,952
Net Assets ....................................................... $90,656,627 $84,105,070

Operating Revenue ......................... $87,509,752 $88,051,006
Operating Expense ......................... $81,194,544 $80,303,647
Other Revenue .................................................. $236,345 $1,821,917

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue Composition:
  - Blood Services: 22%
  - Tissue Services: 26%
  - Other: 72%

- Expense Composition:
  - Recovery Supplies: 30%
  - Benefits: 19%
  - Depreciation: 9%
  - Salaries: 5%
  - Other: 22%

- Decreased blood component usage is due to several factors, the largest being increased usage of single donor platelets (the equivalent of one therapeutic dose) in place of multiple random donor platelets.
NOTE: CTS supplies tissue grafts throughout the United States and globally.

NOTE: Blood is collected and distributed in these counties:

- Montgomery
- Greene
- Clinton
- Warren
- Butler
- Preble
- Clark
- Champaign
- Logan
- Miami
- Shelby
- Darke
- Randolph
- Wayne
- Union
- Butler
- Warren
- Clinton
- Logan
- Clark
- Shelby
- Champaign
- Preble
- Montgomery
- Greene
- Clinton
- Warren
- Butler
- Preble
- Clark
- Champaign
- Logan
- Union
- Darke
- Randolph
- Wayne
- Miami
- Shelby
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