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## MORE THAN 580 PINTS OF BLOOD COLLECTED AT PADRES $7^{TH}$ ANNUAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

**SAN DIEGO** (**May 31, 2023**) More than 580 pints of blood were collected at the Padres 7<sup>TH</sup> annual Summer Blood Drive, held earlier today from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.at Petco Park's Gallagher Square. A total of 650 registered donors received a limited-edition Padres Summer Blood Drive T-shirt and access to two complimentary tickets to the June 7 game against the Seattle Mariners.

"We are truly grateful to the Padres, our Presenting Sponsor Sycuan Casino Resort, our supporting sponsors, and of course the donors for making our seventh annual Summer Blood Drive so successful again this year" said San Diego Blood Bank CEO Doug Morton. "As always, this drive helps us greatly as we head into summer – a time when collecting blood is particularly difficult."

"We're grateful for the continuous support from the community in this area of need and the incredible donor turnout we had for today's Summer Blood Drive," said Tom Seidler, Padres Sr. VP of Community and Military Affairs. "Through our partnership with the San Diego Blood Bank, these blood drives allow us to make a significant impact and help save thousands of lives. The Padres look forward to hosting blood drives at Petco Park for many more years to come."

Anyone who was unable to attend today's blood drive can still receive the limited-edition Padres Blood Drive t-shirt by donating at any San Diego Blood Bank donor center or mobile blood drive throughout the month of June, while supplies last.

Since one pint of blood could potentially save up to three lives, the blood collected at this year's Padres Summer Blood Drive could save up to 1,740 lives in Southern California. Since 2017, the San Diego Padres have helped collect more than 3,000 pints of blood supporting thousands of patients in Southern California hospitals.

To be eligible to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 114 pounds, and be in general good health. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment at SanDiegoBloodBank.org or calling 619-400-8251.

## **About the San Diego Blood Bank**

San Diego Blood Bank is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization also operating as Southern California Blood Bank, serving hospitals throughout Southern California. San Diego Blood Bank is dedicated to community health by providing a reliable supply of blood to patients in need. Our vision is to further ensure the health of our community by simultaneously delivering related health and wellness education and services and collaborate with various partners in medical research. San Diego Blood Bank currently operates nine fixed site donation locations and 10

bloodmobiles. For more information about SDBB, visit  $\underline{SanDiegoBloodBank.}$  org or connect with us on  $\underline{Facebook}$ ,  $\underline{Instagram}$ ,  $\underline{Twitter}$  and  $\underline{Linkedin}$ .

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