



One in three people to need blood in their lifetime

Red Dot Building Systems, Family Peace Project, First United Methodist Church, Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion gives life to patients, families with Carter BloodCare drives

ATHENS, Texas (April 26, 2017) – Life-giving local heroes – blood donors – right here in Athens save lives by making sure the right blood type is on the shelf, right when patients require it to survive and thrive. Many blood donors know that they are saving three lives with each donation. They're also selfless stewards of something for which there is no substitute: blood. One in three people could require a transfusion during their lifetime. Carter BloodCare believes that community blood donations should benefit local patients and that's why community blood drives are so important.

Red Dot Building Systems is hosting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at 1209 W. Corsicana in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Jocelyn Monie at (903) 675-9181.

Family Peace Project of Athens is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at FUMC – 225 Lovers Lane in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Louisa Garrett at (254) 681-1908.

First United Methodist Church is hosting a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at FUMC 225 Lovers Lane in the activity bldg. - FUMC. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Mark Carlson at (512) 800-3552.

Athens Old Fiddlers Reunion is hosting a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 27, at 100 E. Tyler in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Mary Ensgin at (903)681-2269.

Carter BloodCare urges eligible blood donors to consider giving two to three times a year. Whole blood can be donated every 56 days. Other types of blood donations can be given more frequently. Make an appointment at a [Carter BloodCare donor center](#) near you, or donate at a [local community blood drive](#).

Remember to eat a nutritious meal and drink plenty of water at least an hour before giving blood. All donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, feel well on the day of donation, and present a government-issued photo ID each time they give blood.

[Potential blood donors](#) may volunteer beginning at age 16 with parental consent; 17-year-olds may give independently and there is no upper age limit for donating blood. For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call 1-800-366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.

About Carter BloodCare

Carter BloodCare is a community based, non-profit blood center that provides life-saving transfusion resources to more than 200 medical facilities in 50-plus counties of north, central and east Texas. The 501(c)(3) organization is one of the largest blood programs in Texas, delivering more than 300,000 blood products annually to meet patients' treatment requirements. Carter BloodCare's services include collection, processing, specialized laboratory testing, storage and distribution of blood and blood products. The center is accredited by the AABB, including a laboratory with accreditation for molecular testing of red cell antigens. It is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is a member of America's Blood Centers.