Fun Facts

BLOOD DONATION MATTERS...

- For premature infants: 1-4 Red Cell Donations
- For cancer patients: (the number 1 recipient of blood products) 3-10 Red Cell Donations, 5-15 Platelet Donations
- For automobile and trauma patients: 5-100 Red Cell Donations
- For cardiovascular surgeries: 3-8 Red Cell Donations, 1-10 Platelet Donations
- For burn victims: 10-20 Platelet Donations
- For patients undergoing organ and marrow transplants: 10-30 Red Cell Donations, 50-100 Platelet Donations

DID YOU KNOW?

- One pint of whole blood - the most common form of donation - can save up to three lives!
- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- Less than 10% of the eligible U.S. population (38%) donates annually.
- There is no substitute for human blood.
- One in seven people entering a hospital need blood.
- Females receive 53 percent of blood transfusions; males receive 47 percent.
- One unit of blood can be separated into several components: red blood cells, plasma and platelets.
- Fifteen tests (11 for infectious diseases) are performed on each unit of donated blood.
- Healthy adults who are 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds are eligible to donate whole blood.
What does your blood type say about you?

A’S
- Crave order and neatness
- Meticulous habits
- Incredibly self-controlled

B’S
- Candid, forthright, non-conformist, absentminded and thrive on the unusual
- May be poor team players and believe in their superiority
- Make great cooks

AB’S
- Rational and sensible
- Make excellent first impressions
- Often have paranormal activities

O’S
- Crave power, leadership and success
- Act as jealous guardians at work and in the family
- Are ideal presidents, heads of corporation and captains of sports teams.

What month does the President of the United States declare National Blood Donor Month?
January.

How many miles do blood cells travel in your body?
Blood cells travel approximately 70,000 miles every 20 seconds.

What part of the human body does not access the body’s blood supply?
The human cornea extracts oxygen directly from the air, so it does not access the body’s blood supply.

What is the probability that an individual will use blood?
If a person lives to age 72, there is a 90% probability that he/she will have a need for blood or blood products.

How many units of blood did President Ronald Reagan require after the assassination attempt?
12 total units – 8 units of red blood cells, 3 units of plasma and 1 unit of platelets. Over a dozen strangers helped save his life through blood donation!

In what major war in the United States were the first two transfusion events recorded?
In the Civil War, a syringed direct transfusion was successfully performed on two occasions. There were not blood groups identified at this time so much would have to be attributed to luck rather than skill.

What is an essential when the President travels?
Among other things, the Presidential state car features a blood bank of the President’s blood type.