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## **For Immediate Release**

### **Help Make America Stronger...Give Blood**

**Red Cross blood donors can help keep the country prepared by giving blood**

**TRIAD, Sept. 07, 2007** – The United States faces a myriad of dangers, from terrorists who wish to disrupt our nation’s well-being to natural disasters that take lives and property with little or no warning. And while not everyone can chase the enemies of America across the globe or help prepare communities for the worst this summer, one thing almost everyone can do to make America stronger this summer is give blood.

“With all of the potential for trouble that we face as a nation, one of the best ways the average citizen can do his or her part to make sure America is ready for anything is to donate blood regularly, especially this summer,” said Bob Fechner, CEO of the Carolinas Region. “Every donation is important to the stability of our health care system, our national ability to respond to adverse circumstances and the health of our country as a whole. Patients who require transfusions need you, and America needs you, to donate blood at least once this summer.”

With Patriot’s Day coming up, the Red Cross would like for you to consider donating blood. With college and high school students, who account for about 15 percent of all blood donations, just going back to classes and other donors still thinking about vacations, fewer donations are made. The need for blood, however, is ongoing and the American Red Cross Carolinas Blood Services Region must have 1,600 people give blood on each weekday to meet hospital demand. If all eligible donors gave blood twice a year, there would never be a shortage.

**The Nussbaum Blood Center is located in the Greensboro Chapter at 1501 Yanceyville Street in Greensboro and is closed on Sunday. The hours for the center are:**

Monday 2:00pm to 6:30pm

Tuesday 12:30pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday 8:00am to 1:00pm

Thursday 12:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday 8:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday 8:00am to 1:00pm

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**The Winston-Salem Blood Center is located beside the NWNC Chapter at 650 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem and is closed on Saturday. The hours for the center are:**

Monday 11:30pm to 6:00pm  
Tuesday 11:30pm to 6:00pm  
Wednesday 7:30am to 1:00pm  
Thursday 11:30pm to 6:00pm  
Friday 7:30am to 1:00pm  
Sunday 10:30am to 3:00pm

There is also a chance to sign up for a raffle for two international airline tickets on Delta Airlines.

The only way to be prepared, protect your neighbors and keep America strong is to have blood on hand when an emergency occurs. All donors can help by donating in the coming weeks to help support the need.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh no less than 110 pounds. It is safe to give blood every 56 days. All blood donors must show a photo ID. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call **1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543)** or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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