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News Release

For Immediate Release

Starmount High School HOSA Sponsors Blood Drive in Honor of Recipient

BOONVILLE, March 6, 2008 - On Friday, March 14, 2008 from 8 am – 1:30 pm, the students of the Starmount High School's Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), 2516 Longtown Road, Boonville, will hold a blood drive in honor of seventeen month-old Colton Hart.

Colton received two units of blood during the first days of his life after requiring an ileostomy for a malformed intestinal tract due to his premature birth. He was a patient in Brenner's Children's Hospital from July 23, 2006 until mid-November. He has been hospitalized twice since coming home. He is doing well now, receiving tube feedings every two to three hours and requiring an apnea monitor at night.

Brittany Wood, Colton's mother would like to encourage everyone who is eligible to donate blood. "Without the blood that Colton received, he would not have done as well as he did after his surgery. Thank you."

Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good-overall health. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Starmount High School at 468-2891.

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