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Rising Star Thanks Donors for her Bright Future



Mid-Pacific Institute student B.K. Cannon is no ordinary girl. The 17-year-old junior is juggling high school and homework with a budding acting career and has already starred in three Hollywood productions. But she realizes that without blood donors, she may not have had a future at all.

“If there weren't people who overcame their fears and donated blood, I would not be able to live the type of life I am enjoying now, or maybe even live at all,” said Cannon.

At just 3-1/2 years of age, Cannon was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a childhood cancer with extremely low survival rates. She needed blood as she underwent two years of therapy which included chemotherapy and radiation followed by a bone marrow transplant and experimental treatments. Cannon has also dealt with years of side effects of her treatment — ten surgeries and many other hospitalizations over the years since. While those times were undoubtedly tough, Cannon said it's the good things that she remembers most — friendly nurses, silly drawings on people's hospital masks, and lots and lots of Disney videos.

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ONE More Time Is All It Takes

With Hawaii's hospitals using more blood each year, one more donation from someone like you could make all the difference in meeting the increasing needs of our state.

Over the past five years, the amount of blood products the Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) distributed to the state's 19 civilian hospitals has increased by 10,000 units. While BBH has a loyal core of regular donors who give several times a year, nearly fifty percent of the 25,507 blood donors who gave in 2006 donated just once.

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Rising Star Thanks Donors for her Bright Future (Continued)

“I always think of the people who go out of their comfort zone to help others. They are the type of people we need in this world.”

“It's hard not to see cancer as a negative, but I met so many people, my family drew closer together and my eyes were opened to appreciate every little thing,” she explained.

“I want people to know that it's possible to go through the most horrible experiences and then come out feeling the joy in life and living every day to the fullest. Blood donors help that happen.”

B.K. decided to try acting in fourth grade but her mother says she was born to entertain. She just returned from Los Angeles where she completed work for her role in a coming-of-age movie about five girls attending a Catholic boarding school. She was also in

the cast of *Flight 29 Down*, an NBC television show about 10 teenagers whose plane crashed on a remote island, which ran for two seasons. She reprised her role in the recently completed *Flight 29 Down* television movie. It will be the featured movie at an upcoming *Sunset on the Beach* in Waikiki.

Now back in school mode, B.K. is catching up on homework missed due to travel and is rehearsing for her role as the Goddess of Mercy in a Mid-Pacific Institute play, a Chinese opera called *Jingju*. “I love acting, but I have so many other plans,” says Cannon. “I will be going to college and hope to someday be a pediatric oncologist or an orthopedic surgeon. Just like blood donors, I want to help save the world!”



ONE More Time (continued)

The Blood Bank of Hawaii would like to encourage those who have given the gift of life once in 2006 or 2007 to donate “One More Time” by the end of the year. This could add more than 10,000 pints to the blood supply, keeping pace with growing needs and keeping our state prepared for personal and public tragedies.

“We appreciate every donor and every lifesaving pint,” said Aaron Knapp, Blood Bank of Hawaii Director of Donor Services. “If those who have already experienced the donation process and the satisfaction of saving up to three lives with a single donation would commit another hour to the Blood Bank, the patients we serve and the entire state would benefit from their act of kindness.”

Please make an appointment to donate “One More Time” by calling 845-9966 on Oahu or 1-800-372-9966 (toll-free) on the Neighbor Islands. You can also visit our website at www.bbh.org for a blood drive schedule and additional information.



Giving In For a Great Cause

Thirty years ago, Clayton Chang's employer challenged him to donate blood for the company's Lifesaver Club. He met that dare and then some.

“This was way back when I worked at First Hawaiian Bank and the Blood Bank was part of The Queens Medical Center,” he explained. “I was hesitant then, but I wanted to look brave for my co-workers. I'm



(From left to right) Clayton Chang, Jamie Chang, Sylvan Haferkamp, Steve Muraoka and Todd Minami save lives together at an American Savings Bank blood drive.

still chicken, but when the Blood Bank calls I just can't say no.”

Today, Chang is a Super Donor, giving regularly to help meet the needs of Hawaii's patients. After donating blood 87 times, he looks forward to giving the gift of life. “I've become familiar with a lot of the Blood Bank staff and the experience is always something I enjoy. It's like meeting old friends for me now.”

Chang is a 1966 Damien High School graduate who received his bachelor's degree from the University of Portland. He owns and operates CC Enterprises, which services automatic teller machines and computers for American Savings Bank. He also encourages his employees to join him in his lifesaving efforts.

His daughter Jamie, who works with him as ATM and inventory coordinator, and five other staff members recently gave blood at a Servco Pacific, Inc. blood drive held near his Mapunapuna office.

“Everyone - 100 percent of our Oahu team did their part to help others in need,” he said. “It makes me proud and just goes to show that a little peer pressure can sometimes be a good thing.”

Giving Is Easy With Hawaiian Miles Charities

The Blood Bank of Hawaii again has been chosen for the Hawaiian Airlines CharityMiles program, which allows HawaiianMiles members to donate their miles to participating non-profit organizations.

“The Blood Bank of Hawaii would like to thank Hawaiian Airlines for its support of Hawaii's community blood program,” said BBH President & Medical Director Robyn Yim, M.D. “We would also like to thank donors who have designated their CharityMiles to BBH this past year. We conduct blood drives on

five islands so the flights earned are very helpful.”

By joining the HawaiianMiles frequent flyer program and opening a special charity account, Hawaiian Airlines will automatically match 10 percent of your qualified miles and then credit the matched miles to that account. You can then donate those miles to BBH to help alleviate blood drive-related travel costs. No miles are deducted from your personal HawaiianMiles account. You retain all the miles you have earned for your

own personal travel needs, while still being able to support BBH.



For more information about HawaiianMiles Charities or the HawaiianMiles program, visit HawaiianAirlines.com.



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Neighbor Islands call: (800) 372-9966

Downtown Donor Center

126 Queen Street

Mon 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Tues 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wed 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Thurs 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fri 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dillingham Donor Center

2043 Dillingham Boulevard

Mon 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tues 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thurs 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fri 6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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Neighbor Island Calendar

Kauai

Monday, August 6 (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Princeville Resort - Queen Emma &
Prince Albert Ballroom

Tuesday, August 7 (7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Wilcox Memorial Hospital - Conference Rooms A, B & C

Wednesday, August 8 (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Wilcox Memorial Hospital - Conference Rooms A, B & C

Monday, October 1 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Kauai Community College - 2nd Floor Student Lounge

Tuesday, Tuesday, October 2 (7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Wilcox Memorial Hospital - Conference Rooms A, B & C

Wednesday, October 3 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall

Maui

Monday, August 20 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Tuesday, August 21 (7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Wednesday, August 22 (7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Wednesday, October 17 (8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Thursday, October 18 (7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Friday, October 19 (7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Cameron Center Auditorium

Kona

Monday, September 3 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
Kona Hongwanji Mission - Mission Hall

Tuesday, September 4 (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
WM Keck Observatory - Hualalai Lecture Theatre

Wednesday, September 5 (7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
LDS Kona Stake - Cultural Hall

Wednesday, November 7 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel - Hau/Lehua Rooms

Thursday, November 8 (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Kona Hongwanji Mission - Mission Hall

Friday, November 9 (7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
LDS Kona Stake - Cultural Hall

Hilo

Monday, September 17 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Aunty Sally Kaleohano's Luau Hale

Tuesday, September 18 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Hilo State Building - 1st Floor Conference Room

Wednesday, September 19 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
Hilo State Building - 1st Floor Conference Room

Monday, November 19 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
University of Hawaii at Hilo - Campus Center Rm 301

Tuesday, November 20
To Be Announced

Wednesday, November 21 (7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.)
Nanioloa Volcanoes Resort - Crown Room

The Blood Bank of Hawaii holds drives on the Neighbor Islands about every eight weeks.
Times and locations are subject to change, so please call 1-800-372-9966 to confirm the drive location.