

# The Blood Bank's Lifesaver Clubs

## *What is a Lifesaver Club?*

A Lifesaver Club is an organization that has made a commitment to support the community by hosting and coordinating regularly scheduled blood drives, or sponsorships at the Dillingham Donor Center and/or Downtown Donor Center.

Organizations that have established a Lifesaver Club include large and small businesses, churches, banks, schools, government offices and civic groups.

In addition to already ensuring an adequate blood supply for our community, Lifesaver Clubs help save thousands of lives and serve as a valuable resource during times of emergency or low donor turnout. We are grateful to the Alert Team, a group of Lifesaver Clubs that mobilize their members during times of critical blood need. Lifesaver Clubs work together to ensure that blood will be available to everyone.

## *Lifesaver Clubs:*

- » Have a coordinator designated by a CEO or club leadership.
- » Educate donors and prospective donors by providing opportunities for employees or members to learn about the need for blood.
- » Set an annual goal based on a percentage of employees or members.
- » Allow employees or members to participate in regularly scheduled blood drives.

## *Lifesaver Clubs bring in more than half of Hawaii's blood supply*

Blood Bank of Hawaii Lifesaver Clubs are a vital part of the state's community blood program.

With more blood needed than ever before, BBH is renewing the commitment of existing clubs and bringing new community-minded organizations on board.

## **Meeting your goal**

Whenever a Lifesaver Club employee or member donates blood, the donation can be counted toward the club's goal, regardless of where the donation is made.

Spouses, friends, and clients can also be included in your Lifesaver Club totals if they designate your club on their blood donor record at the time of donation.

## **DONOR PROFILE: Jasmine Hoopii**

*Jasmine Hoopii was born with an interrupted aortic arch, or a space in her aorta, as well as two holes in her heart. At just two days old, she underwent surgery to repair her aorta. Her doctor gave her a 50/50 chance of survival.*

*But she survived that and three additional surgeries, thanks to the love of her parents, the skill of her medical teams, and the more than 100 blood product transfusions she received from 64 volunteer blood donors.*



*As a healthy 17-year-old student at Kailua High School, she became a first-time blood donor. "I'm especially grateful for all that the blood donors have done for me—the sacrificing of their time and giving of themselves," she said. "I started giving blood because I wanted to experience a part of what the donors went through for me, as well as to give the gift of life to others."*

### **Fun Fact**

There are about a billion red blood cells in a few drops of blood. Blood makes up about 7-10% of your body weight. Red blood cells can live about 120 days in the human body.