

# Children's Hospital Colorado: Mobile Blood Donor Program

## Who We Are:

The primary mission of Children's Hospital Colorado Blood Donor Center is to give the gift of life to children.

As the only free-standing children's hospital in the Rocky Mountain region, Children's Blood Donor Center has a unique position. The blood donated to the Blood Donor Center goes exclusively to children unlike any other blood donor centers in the Denver area. While we are able to purchase unmet needs from other Donor Centers this comes at a higher cost to our hospital and the families that come to us. Blood donation does not cost money and requires little time. It does, however, make a big difference.

Children's Colorado has devoted volunteers who donate blood on a regular basis. Unfortunately, we can still run short during times of crisis or with children that have a very specific need. Help us maintain a steady supply of the wide range of blood products that kids need! The rarest blood type is one that is not available when a child needs it. That is why it is so important that Children's Hospital Colorado have donors available who represent all of the four blood types: O, A, B, AB.

Children's Colorado Blood Donor Center in Aurora was founded in 1943. Since then, the Donor Center has provided **95-97%** of the blood needed by its patients. The need for blood donated within the past 5 days is growing, as Children's Colorado prefers to transfuse blood products to children that have the highest proportion of live and healthy cells; in addition, our heart surgery and oncology patient populations are growing, and these patients need the freshest blood possible to maximize successful transfusion to their little bodies.

## What We Do:

Every year at Children's Colorado, 8,000 units of blood products are transfused into sick and injured infants, children and teens. Without this blood, many of the lifesaving procedures performed at Children's Colorado would not be possible. The blood you donate gives these children a better chance for a healthy life. Unfortunately, we can still run short during times of crisis or with children that have a very specific need.

## Going Mobile:

Our mobile blood collection program has experienced tremendous growth such that it now produces upwards of 50% of the total donations to meet hospital demands. That need is growing daily and we are always in need of new hosts for our mobile blood drives. Many of you may not even be aware Children's Hospital Colorado has a mobile program!

**Please sign up today and save a child's life. One donation can help save the lives of three children.**

**Thank you for your incredible support to our kids here at Children's.**

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