Did You Know?

- Only 38 percent of people in the U.S. are eligible to donate blood on any given day, and less than 10 percent actually do.

- BloodSource has a goal to collect 700 pints of blood and blood components each day to meet the needs of patients in hospitals.

- People with O- blood are potential universal donors of red blood cells. This means their red blood cells can be transfused to patients with any blood type.

- Eligibility and frequency of blood donation varies by age, gender and type of blood donation.

- Whole blood donors can give as often as every eight weeks (56 days).

- Approximately 40,000 pints of blood are used each day in the United States.

- The actual blood donation process (needle in arm) takes about 5 to 10 minutes, the entire process about an hour.

- The average adult has about 10-12 pints of blood.

- As little as three teaspoons of blood can save a baby’s life.

- It’s impossible to contract AIDS or any other disease from donating blood - all equipment is sterile, used only once and then discarded.

- Someone in the United States receives a blood transfusion every 2 seconds.

- Blood makes up about 7% of your body weight.

- One pint of blood can be separated into several components (red blood cells, plasma and platelets).

- Red blood cells must be used within 42 days.

- Approximately 1 out of every 7 people entering the hospital needs blood.