

## Blood Donors to Honor City Councilman George Jacob

*Friends and co-workers of George Jacob encouraged to give blood.*

**PEORIA, Ill.** (June 4, 2010) –George Jacob has served the people in our community as a Peoria City Councilman since 2005. He is known for his dedication to the city, his job, his church and, most importantly, his family and friends. George has been hospitalized since the Memorial Day weekend, receiving treatment for injuries suffered in an accident.

As part of his treatment, George has received blood transfusions. Now his friends, co-workers, city officials/employees and the citizens of Peoria have a chance to give blood in his honor. From Monday, June 7 through Monday, June 14, donors at the Peoria Blood Donation Center can roll up their sleeves to help patients like George. All presenting donors will be able to sign a “get well” card that will be delivered to George and his family.

The Peoria Blood Donation Center is located at 405 W. John H. Gwynn Jr. Ave.

Day	Date	Hours
Monday	June 7	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesday	June 8	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday	June 9	6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friday	June 11	6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday	June 12	7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday	June 14	8 a.m. to 6 p.m. <i>*June 14 is World Blood Donor Day</i>

Donors with type O negative blood are especially encouraged to schedule an appointment. Type O negative blood, the universal blood type, is always in high demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations.

### How to Donate Blood

Simply call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.™

### **About the American Red Cross**

Governed by volunteers and supported by giving individuals and communities, the American Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood products to hospitals throughout the United States. While local hospital needs are always met first, the Red Cross also helps ensure no patient goes without blood no matter where or when they need it. In addition to providing nearly half of the nation's blood supply, the Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts.

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