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### **Blood Donation Shortage**

**Please give!**

**Dexter, Missouri** - The ShowMe Times will host a Blood Drive along with Countywide Insurance, Mayer Law Office, and Montgomery Bank in the Countywide Insurance Building located at 140 S. Walnut Street on Tuesday, August 23rd from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Blood donations are urgently needed in the final weeks of summer. The American Red Cross urges blood donors to give to help with critical summer blood shortages. With recent tragedies in Louisiana, injuries, and people displaced who may be undergoing treatment, the need is great.

Donors of all blood types are needed to give now to help ensure blood is available for patients in need. Those who donated blood earlier this summer may be eligible to donate again. Blood can be safely donated every 56 days, and double red cells can be donated every 112 days.

Schedule an appointment to give blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or calling (573) 624-7469 and leave a message as to what time you would like your appointment. If nothing else please drop-in and donate, no

appointment necessary, but you may have to wait a few minutes.

YOU hold the power to save lives!

On average, the Red Cross must collect 14,000 blood donations every day across America for patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. Blood and platelets are needed for many different reasons. Accident and burn victims, heart surgery patients, organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle-cell disease may all need blood.

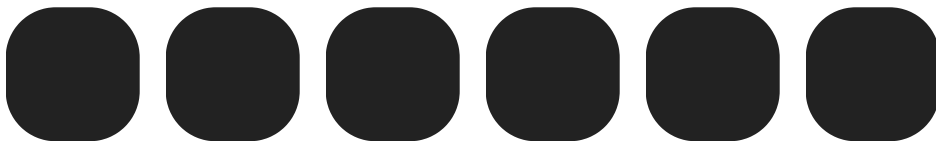
Please join us at the ShowMe Times office in the Countywide Insurance Building and donate. Park on Stoddard Street or in the back parking area. We urge you to give blood and save 3 lives!!

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass) and follow the instructions on the site.

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