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WCHS Hosts Community Blood Drive

Winnebago, NE – Last week on Tuesday January 30th, the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System hosted a community blood drive, aimed at bolstering the local blood supply and save lives. The donors who generously contributed to this cause underscore the Winnebago community's unwavering commitment to health, and healthcare.

This regular blood drive initiative allows individuals to donate blood voluntarily, which is then used to help patients in need of transfusions due to medical emergencies, surgeries, or chronic conditions. By participating in blood drives, donors play a vital role in ensuring an adequate local blood supply ultimately saving countless lives.

Health Promotion Educational Director, Felicia Masquat, emphasized the significance of hosting blood drives in communities like Winnebago. She stated, "Blood drives are essential for maintaining a steady supply of blood for patients in need. The support we've seen from our community highlights the compassion and solidarity that defines Winnebago. Together, we can make a profound impact on healthcare outcomes." Felicia would like to extend a thank you to LifeServe, for working closely with WCHS to make this drive a reality for the community.

WCHS noted several acts of kindness. They managed three appointments, eight registered donors, and had seven eligible donors come forward. They welcomed two first-time donors and collected nine units of vital donations. These efforts may have potentially saved or sustained up to 28 lives. Additionally, they celebrated Hayley Hallstrom's induction into the esteemed 10 Galloner Club, acknowledging her commitment to donating blood. Each contribution, no matter how small, plays a vital role in improving the lives of others.

Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer at WCHS, expressed her admiration for the community's dedication to healthcare, saying, "I am deeply impressed by the commitment our community has shown to healthcare through their participation in the blood drive. This event exemplifies the spirit of unity and compassion that defines Winnebago, and I am immensely proud of our collective efforts to make a difference in the lives of others."

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The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and



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culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit www.wchs.health to learn more.

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