



# Village of Skokie

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## **For Immediate Release** **Public Information Division**

### **Village of Skokie Community Blood Drive at the Skokie Farmers' Market**

On July 11, 2010 the Skokie Health Department, in partnership with LifeSource, successfully hosted the first community blood drive to be held at the Skokie Farmer's Market. Blood donations in the Village have dropped to a ten year low and it's hoped that the new location will boost donations and highlight the importance of giving blood.

"We are grateful to those who donated", commented Catherine A. Counard, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health, "and encourage everyone to help save lives by giving blood". A total of fifteen people donated blood. All who donated blood were entered into a raffle to receive one Downtown Skokie restaurant gift certificate, valued at \$25.

The Skokie Farmers' Market runs every Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. through October 31, 2010. The next Farmers' Market blood drive dates are August 8, September 12 and October 10, 2010.

You are eligible to donate if you are 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and are healthy. The Health Department especially encourages people with O-type blood to donate, as they are "universal donors" whose blood can be used with any other blood type. Each pint of blood donated can help up to three people, and you can donate once every 56 days. If you donate the maximum of six times a year, up to 18 people can benefit.

For more information or to schedule a specific appointment time, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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