



Village of Skokie

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The Skokie Community Blood Drive Program Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

The Skokie Community Blood Program will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a blood drive from 2 to 8 p.m. on December 7, 2011 at Skokie Village Hall, 5127 Oakton Street.

The Skokie Community Blood Program was the first community blood program in the State of Illinois; its first blood drive was held on December 29, 1971. Since 1971, nearly 36,000 units of blood have been donated.

The anniversary drive will feature cake and coffee. In addition, all donors will be entered into a raffle for a gift card to a Downtown Skokie restaurant.

Donating blood is a simple process that takes only a short time and can save a life. Still, many people don't donate for a variety of reasons. Often they believe that they may not be eligible. The fact is that most healthy people can donate blood every 56 days.

For more information about the December 7, 2011 blood drive or to schedule a specific appointment time, contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252.

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