

CLUB NEWS – Escapees Named Community Organization of the Year

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The Blood Center of East Texas honored the Escapees Club by naming it as their Community Organization of the Year for 2008. This award came in recognition of the club's commitment to conducting at least nine blood drives a year for at least several years. Susie Gearing, blood drive chair for the Escapees Club, and her husband, Ray, were present at a luncheon in Nacogdoches, Texas, to accept the award. In addition to this very special honor, the club received further recognition for our commitment as a community donor group.

Did you know that one in seven persons will need a blood transfusion sometime in one's life? Only one in 20 eligible donors actually gives blood. The most frequent reason for not giving is fear of needles. But every three seconds, someone needs a transfusion. There is no substitute for human blood. Blood can't be stockpiled, although plasma can be frozen up to a year. The shelf life of red cells is only 42 days.

Hospitals all need a ready supply of all types of blood at all times, and if it is not needed in a reasonable length of time, the blood must be circulated to hospitals with more frequent needs while keeping fresh blood on hand at the smaller hospitals. Blood is ready for distribution to hospitals 24 hours after collection, after it goes through 16 points of testing to assure its safety.

For at least 50 years, medical manufacturers have worked on developing an artificial human blood. Although they have developed "volume expanders," there is still no viable substitute for red cells.

The Blood Center of East Texas is affiliated with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (Houston) and serves eight hospitals in six counties of East Texas. In 2008 they supplied 14,000 pints of blood to those hospitals. Over 1,400 pints of blood were collected in Livingston alone in 2008. Memorial Medical Center of Livingston is the Blood Center's second biggest consumer of blood products.

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