

Downers Grove Moose Family Center donates Blood to Heartland Blood Services

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Bloodbank Chairman Branden Kenny with two volunteers

A staple of the Downers Grove community since 1930, the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535, located at 1030 Warren Avenue, donated twenty plus units of blood to Heartland Blood Centers on Monday, March 23rd.

There is an urgent need for blood every day of the year. Daily, hospital patients depend on blood being available to make life-saving surgeries and treatments possible. In fact, Heartland Blood Centers must collect nearly 600 units of blood each day to meet the needs of patients in the 35 Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana area hospitals they serve.

Blood Bank Chairman Brendan Kenny organized the blood drive as part of our community service effort. Brendan contacted all the units in our lodge and encouraged them to get involved. Twenty four members, both men and women, participated.

"It is important to have events like this to help the community out", Kenny stated. "The Downers Grove Moose Family Center, as part of our community service effort, will continue to schedule this type of event multiple times a year. The next event will be

scheduled in June."

Moose International is an organization of 1.9 million members that is active in four nations dedicated to bettering the lives of children and the elderly in need, and helping to make communities better places in which to live. Along with other units of Moose International, the Loyal Order of Moose supports the operation of Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre community for children and teens in need, located 40 miles west of Chicago; and Moosehaven, a 63-acre retirement community for its members near Jacksonville, FL. Additionally, Moose Lodges conduct approximately \$95 million worth of community service annually.

For more information on the Downers Grove Moose Family Center #1535 visit www.dgmoose.org or contact us at 630-968-4550

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