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Oxford Bank & Trust to Host Blood and Marrow Drive

Oxford Bank in Addison and LifeSource will collect donations to help address blood shortages that typically occur in the summer months.

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(Oak Brook, IL – June 7, 2016) –Oxford Bank & Trust and LifeSource will join forces for a Blood and Marrow Drive at the Oxford Bank branch office, 205 N. Addison Rd., Addison, IL. The drive will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

While appointments are preferred, walk-ins are also welcome. For an appointment, visit lifesource.org and search by sponsor code: 273G. Appointments will also be accepted by calling LifeSource at 877-543-3768.

Each participating donor will receive a free Donor-rita-ville t-shirt from LifeSource.

The blood drive at Oxford Bank's office on Addison Rd. comes after the 4th of July, the day of the year when there is the highest need for blood. This blood drive will help replenish those supplies.

LifeSource said many people may be able to donate. Many medications are acceptable as well as most cancer survivors and people with tattoos and diabetes. There is no upper age limit. Donors should be at least 17 years of age, 16 years of age with signed parental consent. Donors will obtain a free Cholesterol Screening and free Blood Typing.

LifeSource added that the best preparation for donating blood includes eating well and staying hydrated. Donors should bring a proper ID to donate blood.

Regarding the marrow drive, LifeSource, the largest blood center in Illinois, has partnered with Be the Match®, the largest registry of potential marrow donors, to reach more patients in need. Joining the bone marrow registry is simple. It involves providing a cheek swab, completing a consent form and making a commitment to patients in need.

All blood types and all ethnicities are needed. Blood can generally be used by all patients, however for marrow it is a more defined process and the ethnicity of the patient is dependent on the donor.

The mission of LifeSource is to provide best in class blood products and clinical services to meet the needs of the healthcare community, patients and its donors through advanced transfusion medicine practices.

The blood and marrow drive is part of the bank's Oxford LIFE community program designed to be engaging, educating and entertaining with its customers and residents of the communities it serves.

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