



"The 1st annual Angela Hohl memorial blood drive took place in November 2003. During Angie's illness, we came to realize the severity of blood and platelets in the area, as we waited for many days for long hours

while the hospital searched for the correct type of platelets for Angela... we hope you all consider helping the Blood Center be prepared for the next child who may need the volume of blood and platelets that Angie did."

Harv and Sue Hohl, Berks County (PA)



"When my son Ritchie was born, he was diagnosed with a coarctation of the aorta, which prevented oxygen from traveling to his lower extremities. To repair this condition, he underwent heart surgery when he was only 11 days old. During this time, Ritchie was given numerous units of blood and platelets. I cannot thank volunteer blood donors enough for providing the gift of life for Ritchie and for others in our community."

Diana Perez, Bethlehem (PA)

In 2000, Logan's world changed dramatically when he was diagnosed with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia) a very aggressive form of cancer, typically diagnosed in adults. At 2 years old, Logan was given a mere 40% chance of survival. But after 8 months of chemotherapy and "lots and lots" of blood and platelets, he is a happy and healthy young boy. His mother credits the generosity of volunteer blood and platelet donors for saving her son's life. His mere presence is a miracle and a testament to the value of blood donations."




The Baldwin Family, Berks County (PA)



"When Jack was 6 months old, we learned that he had an inherited blood disorder, thalassemia, which prevents him from making his own red blood cells. He thus faced a lifetime of transfusions. The staff at Miller-Keystone Blood Center has been expert in its efforts to see this through... From the beginning, we have been guided through this difficult process with professionalism and care."

Dr. Robert and Carolyn Coni, North Whitehall Twp (PA)



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"At 38 weeks of pregnancy, I suffered total placenta abruption, which threatened the life of my baby and me. I was rushed to the operating room of our local hospital... my total blood loss was approximately 3000 cc or 1/2 the blood in my body, and a blood transfusion was required. I received 7 units of packed red blood cells, 6 units of platelets and 4 units of fresh frozen plasma. I am thankful that there was an adequate blood supply when I was in need."

Janeen Freiss, Nazareth (PA)



"A few years back I found myself ill with what I assumed was a virus or flu bug. When my condition didn't improve, my doctor sent me to the hospital where I was told I had a bleeding ulcer.

I had lost approximately 6 pints of blood in two days, and the doctors told me that if I had waited a few more days, I may have lost my life.

I am thankful that blood was there in my time of need, and I now donate blood approximately every eight weeks. It is safe and easy, and may save someone else's life."

Robert Ditro, Slatington (PA)

"In February 2003, I underwent triple heart bypass surgery, and received several units of blood. As an active parish nurse, I believe it is important that people realize the vital role the Blood Center plays in our community. People should not wait for an emergency in order to donate - they need to understand that the need for blood and blood donors exists every day."

Betsy Adams, Wyoissing (PA)



"Several years ago, I was the victim of a random shooting. At the time, my wife was 6 weeks away from the birth of our first child. With injuries to major organs and arteries, I needed over 70 units of plasma, platelets and red blood cells to survive the next few days. Through the generosity of volunteer blood donors, I am happy to report that I am doing well."



Timothy Kita (PA)