



September 11 Remembrance Reflection On September 10

(St. Petersburg, FL: 8/29/11) On Saturday, September 10, 2011 Florida Blood Services (FBS) will host a 9/11 Remembrance Reflection at 12 noon in the first floor Assembly Room inside their corporate headquarters, located at 10100 Dr. M.L. King Jr. St. N. in St. Petersburg, FL*. The public is invited to attend. Following this program, a tour of the donor room, blood component processing and storage areas, as well as the donor testing laboratories will be offered to interested participants.

“The tragedy of 9/11 taught us that a safe and sufficient blood supply must be on the shelf at all times when any natural or man made disaster strikes,” said Dan Eberts, FBS Corporate Communications Manager. “As we mark this 10th anniversary our nation calls us to make September 11th a National Day of Service and Remembrance. Therefore, we invite eligible citizens to help our community ‘be prepared’ by giving blood this weekend in honor of those on 9/11 who were injured or lost their lives and in service to those who will need it tomorrow to live,” said Eberts.

Generally, healthy people, age 16 (with parental permission) or older, who weigh at least 110 pounds can be blood donors. All lifesaving donors will receive an “I Can Fight Cancer-I donate blood” T-shirt plus a buy-one-ticket, get-one-free coupon from MOSI: Museum of Science & Industry in Tampa. In addition, all donors receive a wellness checkup of blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count, plus a cholesterol screening as a health benefit. For Donor Center and bloodmobile hours and locations please call 1-800-68BLOOD (25663) or visit www.fbsdonor.org

Florida Blood Services, is a not for profit, community based provider for the blood needs of patients at 44 hospitals in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk Counties, through the generosity of volunteer blood donors. Almost 1,000 donations are required daily, due to the high quality of medical care in Tampa Bay that serves the most critically ill patients throughout west central Florida.

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Additional Blood Supply Information is Available at www.fbsblood.org

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