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## Neillsville Residents Can Help Save Lives

~ *Donate blood on March 9 to help local hospital patients* ~

(Article submitted by Vicki Bohman, BloodCenter of Wisconsin)

Every day blood donors make a difference in the lives of people such as Barb Johnson of Neillsville. In 2006, Barb discovered she had a rare form of anemia after a routine blood test. She was transfused right away and received a total of eight units of blood. After her condition improved, she became a blood donor herself. Barb says, "You will never know if you will need blood someday, and donating blood is easy, painless and a great way to give back to the community."

The residents of the Neillsville community are invited to participate in a blood drive hosted by Memorial Medical Center in partnership with BloodCenter of Wisconsin on Tuesday, March 9. The drive will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Manz Conference Center at Memorial Medical Center. To schedule an appointment, please call Jeanie Sromek at (715) 743-4040. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Everyday patients undergoing surgery, cancer treatments and those in emergency rooms are just some of the recipients who benefit from blood donations. Donating blood is a quick and easy way to make a difference in the life of someone in your surrounding community.

BloodCenter of Wisconsin encourages donors to continue their commitment and dedication to the local blood supply. Anyone who is at least 17 years old with parental consent, weighs a minimum of 110 lbs. and is in generally good health can donate blood. The entire process takes about an hour and all blood types are needed. Donors should bring a photo ID.

*BloodCenter of Wisconsin is the only provider of blood to hospitals in 28 Wisconsin counties including Memorial Medical Center in Neillsville, Marshfield Clinic and Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. BloodCenter of Wisconsin advances patient care by delivering life-saving solutions grounded in unparalleled medical and scientific expertise.*

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