



Siouxland Community Blood Bank

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**SIOUXLAND COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK'S
ANNUAL "GIVE THE GIFT" PROGRAM ENDS**

SIOUX CITY, IA January 8, 2009—The Siouxland Community Blood Bank's final promotion of 2008, *Give the Gift*, ended December 31.

"*Give the Gift* means so much to the patients of Siouxland," said Jan Twait, CEO of the Siouxland Community Blood Bank. "Patients who need the blood due to cancer treatments or planned surgeries were able to rest a little easier knowing that the churches and organizations that supported *Give the Gift* were looking out for them."

Give the Gift is a holiday promotion that allows churches and organizations to host a blood donation day at the Siouxland Community Blood Bank's 1019 Jones Street office. The groups that host days during this promotion invite members of their congregation, family or employees. The groups also provide treats for donors to enjoy after donation.

"Many lives were saved this holiday season because of the generosity of these groups and the friends, family and coworkers they brought to donate," Twait said.

The groups that participated in the 2008 *Give the Gift* promotion are as follows:

Monday, December 15

Grace United Methodist Church
Morningside Presbyterian
Regency Square
River Hills Church

Tuesday, December 16

Morningside Assembly of God
Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday, December 17

First Covenant Church
Riverside Lutheran Church
Riverside Methodist Church

Thursday, December 18

Wesley United Methodist Church

Friday, December 19

Crescent Park United Methodist Church
St. Luke Lutheran Church

Saturday, December 20
St. Thomas Orthodox

Monday, December 22
Hope Lutheran
St. Paul United Methodist

Tuesday, December 23
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church

Friday, December 26
Siouxland Women's Health Center

Monday, December 29
Morningside Lutheran Church
Nativity Church

Tuesday, December 30
St. Boniface
St. Michael's in Sioux City
St. Michael in South Sioux City
St. Joseph's Church

Wednesday, December 31
Trimble United Methodist Church

The Siouxland Community Blood Bank is a nonprofit organization that is the sole supplier of volunteer blood and blood products to 37 hospitals in Siouxland. To be eligible to donate you must be 17 (16 with a signed parental consent form found at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org), be in general good health and may not have donated blood in the past 56 days. For more information about the Siouxland Community Blood Bank or locations of their next blood drives, visit their website at www.siouxlandbloodbank.org or call 800-798-4208.