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BLOOD DRIVES OCTOBER 12TH AND DECEMBER 19TH

Chino Hills, CA -- The City of Chino Hills will hold blood drives on Thursday, October 12th and Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center parking lot, 14077 Peyton Drive. Volunteer blood donors must be at least 15 years old, weigh 110 pounds, and be in general good health. All minors (ages 15-17) must provide a completed parental consent form, available at www.lstream.org.

Blood donors should drink plenty of decaffeinated liquids prior to donating blood and must present valid photo identification. Medical personnel will check volunteers' temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and iron level. If volunteers meet eligibility requirements, about one pint of blood will be collected.

Blood donations are used every day for surgery and cancer patients, accident victims, bone marrow recipients, and organ transplant recipients, among others. According to Lifestream, a local, nonprofit blood center that provides blood products and services to more than 80 Southern California hospitals, a lack of blood donors this summer has caused a shortage of blood supply. During the summer months when brush fires are prevalent, it is crucial for LifeStream to maintain a readily available blood supply to treat burns. In addition:

- 1 in 4 U.S. residents will require transfused blood at least once.
- Approximately 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to donate; only 5% do.
- 1 in 7 hospital patients needs blood.
- 1 unit of blood can help multiple patients. Following collection, red blood cells, plasma, and platelets are separated, stored, and distributed separately.

Call (800) 879-4484 to reserve a time. Walk-ins are welcome.

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