



THE BLOOD CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Effective May 6, 2009, the State of New Jersey passed a law that 16 year olds can donate with parent/guardian consent. This means that any person 16 years of age, in good health and meeting all blood donation screening requirements, may donate blood with parent/guardian consent.

We feel that blood donation is a good experience for young people, encouraging altruism, community responsibility and developing awareness of what it means to be a good citizen. Your local hospitals count on volunteer blood donors to meet the everyday needs of the patients treated for traumas, cancer, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia and many other disorders. Every pint of donated blood has the potential to save three lives. Blood is perishable and must be replaced regularly.

We encourage you to talk with your son/daughter about this opportunity to make a difference. Attached is the consent form that needs to be completed in order for your son/daughter to donate blood. Should you have any questions, please call 973-676-4700 ext 132. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rita J. Polchin

Director, Donor Recruitment/ Donor Services

Attachments

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