

# Life is in your hands.



## **Cami**

Cami is a healthy child today thanks to blood donors like you. Born with a rare blood disorder, she required eight blood transfusions before her first birthday. Cami may need others as she grows. Says Cami's mother, Amy: "We are eternally grateful to have had blood available every time Cami needed it."



## **Dan Vasquez**

As a youth mentor and an active participant in several service organizations, Dan Vasquez is committed to doing good in his community. One way he does so is through frequent blood donations. Dan and you hold the key to saving lives in your community. One blood donation can save up to two lives.



## **Battalion Chief John Butz**

Austin Fire Department Battalion Chief John Butz's recovery is proof that saving lives by donating blood is in the hands of people like you. After being severely burned he needed 23 units of blood during the first three weeks of recovery alone. Donate once a quarter to help ensure that life-sustaining blood is available.

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## Morgan

Morgan was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia at age two. Her parents, Laurie and Tony, estimated that Morgan used 25 units of red blood cells and platelets during the first six months of treatment. Says Laurie: "We are so profoundly grateful for Central Texas blood donors." Save lives, donate once a quarter.



## Jim Allday

As a nurse for Austin Travis County EMS STAR Flight team, Jim Allday is often one of the first responders at the scene of an accident. Jim also saves lives away from work by donating blood regularly. "It feels good to give people something anonymously that can really benefit them," Jim says.



## Joel and Beverly

Meet Joel and Beverly Seffel. As head of the LCR's Community Assistance and Volunteer Services Program, Beverly has organized 17 blood drives this year. After years of donating blood, Joel is now a recipient. They encourage everyone to spread the word about giving blood. "You never know if you or a family member are going to need it," Beverly said.

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## Gabriel

You wouldn't know it from his smile, but Gabriel faces daily threats from sickle cell anemia. Prevention of infection is the focus of medical treatment for sickle cell patients, and blood transfusions can become a part of treatment, as well. Life savers like you help ensure that blood will be available when Gabriel needs it.



## Jennifer

Jennifer is one of The Blood Center of Central Texas' high school blood drive coordinators. With the help of other members of her health career organization, Jennifer recently hosted her first blood drive. "It was a really great turnout." Her high school has three more blood drives scheduled for this year.



## Taylor Family

Sue, John, Shannon and Allison have made saving lives a family tradition. All regular blood donors, John first gave blood at a drive sponsored by his work. "I went with a group of about 30 or so colleagues, so I couldn't chicken out." Says his wife Sue, "We think giving blood is an easy way to help the community."

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## **Angela**

Angela Bedford is the blood drive coordinator for AMD, a company with an exemplary record of blood donation. Every eight weeks AMD hosts a blood drive. “We have it down to a science,” Angela says. Since 1986, AMD has donated more than 6,700 units of blood to Central Texans in need.



## **Patrick and Daniel**

Patrick is here because of his younger brother Daniel and blood donors like you. At age 11, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. During Patrick’s treatment his parents estimated that he received 80 units of blood. Following a marrow transplant, in which Daniel was the donor, Patrick made a full recovery. He remains cancer free.



## **Ransom Huggins**

Ransom Huggins is one of The Blood Center’s best donors (and dressers). The first time he gave blood was in the military, and it was a different experience back then. “The needle was huge—it’s not like that anymore,” he says. Ransom enjoys The Blood Center staff. “They make giving blood enjoyable.”