

# Volunteer Times

*For LifeServe Blood Center Volunteers!*

2021 Quarter 2

## We Made it to Spring!

Happy Spring Time everyone! I don't know about you, but with this spring, and the vaccinations roll outs I feel myself being a little more optimistic these days. It truly feels like you can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you to everyone who came to our aid during the pandemic, and for those who are still waiting it out hopefully we'll see you again soon!

A personal update on my end: the next newsletter may be delayed. My wife is due with our second child May 17, and I am planning on taking 4 weeks of "paternity leave." I'll keep everyone updated, but when I am gone, Danielle West will be able to answer all your questions!

- Kyle Charles

## Re-Cap of 2021's Quarter 1

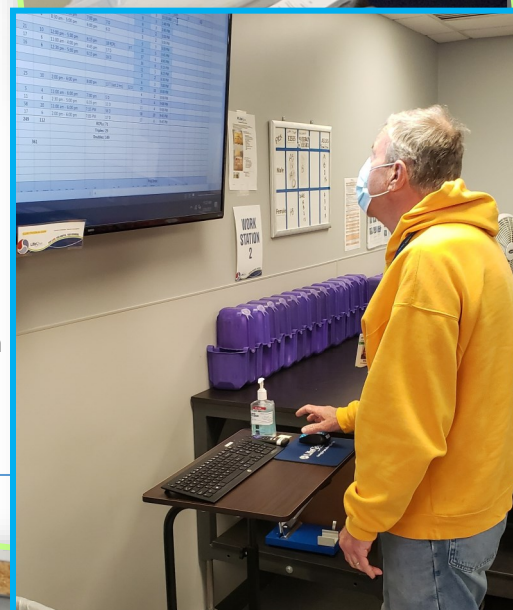
COVID19 continued to dominate our world during our first quarter of 2021. Our Convalescent Plasma (CCP) program was truly at the heart of everything. We had such an amazing turnout for CCP donors, we had the third largest inventory of that plasma product in the country! We were not only able to meet the needs of our local hospitals, but we were able to help other hospitals across the nation as well. Even as the FDA increased their restrictions for collecting the product, we were always able to maintain a steady supply. Now that the demand is finally decreasing, as well as the FDA guidelines limiting our collection options for CCP with the vaccine roll out, we have officially put a pause on this collection type. THIS IS A GOOD THING!

As our city/state/country becomes more and more vaccinated, we can finally begin to look, and plan, for a return to "normal." In our world, that would mean a return to gatherings, in-person meetings and our events. So hopefully by the time I send this newsletter out for the next quarter, we'll have a plan to resume regular meetings and plan for that annual Volunteer Event! I have received confirmation from our Senior Leadership team that the normal spring event will be pushed to the fall. Maybe we'll combine it with the traditional fall All LifeServe event we have had before. So you'll hear more about that in the future!

## LOOKING FORWARD

Our second quarter is typically filled with outdoor events and promotions. As you will see on the second page of the newsletter, our events are still pretty limited for the next three months. Hopefully our Care Committee will find a way to do another Summer Kick-off like what we did in 2019. But even our blood drives are pretty limited. So if you see a blood drive you like to check out on the next page, please sign up online and stop by! We will love to see you and I am sure we'll have some pretty neat promotions as well!

We should also be fully moved into our two new donor center sites in West Des Moines and Ankeny! Currently BOTH locations are temporary locations while we renovate the permanent site. In West Des Moines we'll be in the same group of strip malls, just a few suites down. As for Ankeny, we'll be traveling just a couple blocks north to the same location we were at earlier. Additionally in April/May we'll be closing the Marshalltown donor center to give us time to do a complete renovation that will make that location two to three times larger! We are hoping with the overall focus towards our donors coming to donor centers, this will continue the growth of that community. An additional project to keep an eye on as well is a new location in Mitchell, SD. More information to come on that as well! Lots of movement happening!





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## Welcome Aboard!

Say hello to the new faces volunteering



**Allan Kitten, Des Moines**  
Driver



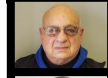
**Mike Christensen, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Bill Reding, Des Moines**  
Driver



**John MacDonald, Des Moines**  
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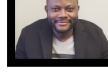
**Dick Hoffman, Des Moines**  
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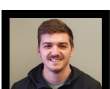
**Gary Gilbert, Mason City**  
Driver



**Yvonne Dauterive, Des Moines**  
Driver, Call Center



**Divine Mbombab, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Ryan Meredith, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Russ Possehn, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Barb Bass, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Tom Davis, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Pam Gilbert, Mason City**  
Driver



**John Hanrahan, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Stan Doser, Des Moines**  
Driver

## Mark Your Calendars!

### April

No events due to Pandemic

### May

**3-8:** Fire Fighter Appreciation Week

**14:** MercyOne Air Med Blood Drive (DM)

**28:** KIX 101.1 Media Drive (MTOWN)  
Alpha Media Drive (FD)

Sioux City Explorers Blood Drive (SC)

**29:** Wings Air Rescue (SC)

### June

**TBD:** Summer Kick-off! (Pandemic Permitting)

**17:** Blood Donor Day (DM)

**29:** KCAU Channel 9 Blood Drive (SC)

## ANNIVERSARIES

First Name	Last Name	Years Served	First Name	Last Name	Years Served
Martha	Witt	32 Years	Ray	Smajd	4 Years
Don	Midthun	20 Years	Holly	Hemann	3 Years
Jim	Garrett	18 Years	Jill	Stoll	3 Years
David	Lybarger	13 Years	Marlene	Carter	3 Years
Steve	Flanagan	12 Years	Natalie	Elizalde	3 Years
Jerry	Walter	12 Years	John	Ackerman	3 Years
Wanda	Sellmeyer	12 Years	Steve	Melsha	2 Years
Sharon	Fasse	11 Years	Doug	Watkins	2 Years
Mike	Magnant	10 Years	Holly	Rebelez	1 Years
Linda	Duvall	10 Years	Rachel	Weber	1 Years
Steve	Duvall	10 Years	Rick	Huss	1 Years
Linda	Haley	10 Years	Duane	Alpers	1 Years
Becky	Shrimpton	8 Years	Rick	Tierney	1 Years
Mike	Sogard	7 Years	Tim	Uecker	1 Years
Eric	Karita	7 Years	Ruaa	Alobaidi	1 Years
Mark	Droll	6 Years	Sandy	Luong	1 Years
Bill	Young	6 Years	Monte	Engl	1 Years
Patty	Haskins	6 Years	Abiola	Doyeni	1 Years
Mel	Campbell	6 Years	Chance	Frerichs	1 Years
Tom	Miller	5 Years	Judy	Vonnahme	1 Years
John	Pille	4 Years	Aidan	Curry	1 Years
John	Valline	4 Years			



“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,  
What are you doing for others?”

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Do you know someone who wants to volunteer, or do you have any questions? Contact Us!**

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