

Volunteer Times

For LifeServe Blood Center Volunteers!

New Year, Same Pandemic...

Happy new year everyone! I hope this newsletter continues to find you and yours in a safe healthy place.

Well we finally made it, we made it through another year of this annoyingly ongoing pandemic. Thank you to everyone who either joined our group or continued to stick with us during this trying time. Your efforts have been so appreciated and because of them we have been able to strive (successfully) in saving as many lives as possible in our communities. Although it does sometimes feel two steps forward one step back, the "steps forward" moments are very rejuvenating and give me hope we'll see things calm in the future!

- Kyle Charles

Re-Cap of Quarter 4

Our fourth quarter felt very close to normal this year. We were able to resume a lot of our events and blood drives that were either cancelled or postponed last year. We had all of our media drives, holiday potlucks, and even had Santa back at LifeServe during the holiday promenade at our Locust building (although Santa stayed outside). Also our holiday season shirt has been flying off the shelf either at blood drives or on our online store. If you haven't seen it yet check it out!

We also picked up a new conglomerate of hospitals in South Dakota! We have already begun the transition process in Aberdeen, South Dakota (northern part of the state) by sending units up there. We hope to be having blood drives and a location established soon! In fact, we have already begun to send units of blood there!

Finally, LifeServe landed on a new location! Hopefully starting in 2024 our new headquarters will be located on the northeast corner Merle Hay and NW Johnston Dr in Johnston. It will be a donor center and corporate headquarters like our Locust location currently is. The hope as well is to find a new Des Moines location for a donor center once the move does happen. The planning and development is in process, and I'm sure we'll have additional updates, so keep an eye out!

LOOKING FORWARD

We have a lot of plans going into 2022 and beyond!

To begin, we'll be opening a new donor center in Yankton, SD in mid-February and another donor center in Pella, IA probably mid-to-end of 2022. Each of those locations have had WEEKLY community blood drives, so the thought process was to establish a donor center to allow better donation hours for the loyal donor base that live in those communities.

To piggy back off the openings of the donor centers and growth in South Dakota, keep a look out for another partnership in South Dakota. We may be adding additional locations in the state as soon as 2023!

As for additional plans in 2022, we're in a somewhat similar scenario as we were earlier in this pandemic. We do have plans for events to continue but of course things could change based on how these variants play out. With that being said, I would also like to throw in a reminder of the new mask policy taking into place as this newsletter goes out. Please when you are in an area of blood donor interaction wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. This includes blood drives as well, and please adhere to the policies of hospitals if/when you go in there on behalf of LifeServe. Also a reminder, if you do test positive for COVID please let me know as soon as possible so we can be sure to enact the protocols on our end (i.e. contact tracing and cleaning). Lastly on this always fun COVID topic, if you are vaccinated (and boosted) please let me know. That also helps with our contact tracing protocols.

Thank you again for all you do. Here's to another great year at LifeServe!

2022 Quarter 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Welcome Aboard!

Say hello to the new faces volunteering at LifeServe



Ann Skutley, Des Moines

Driver



Dan Hoover, Cedar Falls

Driver

Mark Your Calendars!

January:

- 3: Iowa Wild (Locust Donor Center)
- 9-15: Blue Blood Blood Drives
- 17: MLK Day (All Locations)
- 28: Alpha Media: Mason City
- 24-29: Iowa Wolves (Des Moines Area Donor Centers)

February:

- 17: Soup'er Bowl Potluck (All locations)

March:

- 14: College Basketball March Madness Bracket Challenge

ANNIVERSARIES

First Name	Last Name	Years Served	First Name	Last Name	Years Served	First Name	Last Name	Years Served
Elinor	Brownlee	26 Years	Greg	Klemesrud	6 Years	Mary	Koch	2 Years
Bonnie	Christensen	25 Years	Kori	Corrigan	6 Years	Amy	Vogt	2 Years
Linda	Price	13 Years	Charlene	Shellabarger	5 Years	Noel	Connor	2 Years
Russell	Heerd	12 Years	Craig	Bolles	4 Years	Rich	Hamilton	2 Years
Linda	Brookins	11 Years	Bill	Orozco	4 Years	John	Greubel	2 Years
Carla	VanMaanen	11 Years	Tom	Manley	4 Years	Stan	Doser	1 Year
Tom	Zimmerman	11 Years	Kester	Robbins, Jr	4 Years	John	Hanrahan	1 Year
Jayne	Durnin	11 Years	Jean	Curley	4 Years	Yvonne	Dauterive	1 Year
Karen	Kittell	10 Years	Tom	Reed	4 Years	Dick	Hoffman	1 Year
David	Bendixen	10 Years	Brianna	Franz	4 Years	Gary	Gilbert	1 Year
Irving (Irv)	Globstad	9 Years	James (Jim)	Wettestad	3 years	Pam	Gilbert	1 Year
Marilyn	McCarthy	9 years	Hannah	Juhl	3 Years	Tom	Davis	1 Year
Dave	Saurman	9 Years	Rich	Heil	3 Years	John	MacDonald	1 Year
Brian	Bierema	8 Years	Chris	Martin	2 Years	Barb	Bass	1 Year
Jeanette	Saurman	8 Years	Lyle	Watt	2 Years	Bill	Reding	1 Year
Dick	Nemmers	7 years	Darin	Laird	2 Years	Russ	Possehn	1 Year
Hogan	Liechty	7 Years	Phil	Miclot	2 Years	Mike	Christensen	1 Year
Rick	Ruff	6 Years	Angus	Lehman	2 Years	Ryan	Merideth	1 Year
Joe	D'Souza	6 years	Barb	Jackson	2 Years	Allan	Kitten	1 Year
Susan	Dean	6 Years	Rick	Lorber	2 Years			



"We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give."

-- Winston Churchill

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

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