

# Volunteer Times

*For LifeServe Blood Center Volunteers!*

2021 Quarter 3



## We're Almost Out of This!

It's Summertime! That means warm (or extremely warm...) and dry weather and Trauma Season! This is the time of year the supply of blood takes a dip due to families traveling meanwhile the demand for it goes up due to increased human activity. That's when LifeServe begins to host larger blood drives and partnering with media outlets, sports teams and other large organizations. Check out the calendar on the next page for upcoming events!

For a personal update, for those who did not see my email, my wife did have our second child (a boy) on May 10. His name is Fintan James Charles, and he came in weighing 7 lbs 8 oz. So far he has been like his brother in the sense of being very easy going and eating and sleeping great. Big brother is very excited about our new addition!

- Kyle Charles

## Re-Cap of 2021's Quarter 2

Throughout the 2nd quarter, more and more people were becoming vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. As more people have been vaccinated, the more our world has felt like it is returning to a "normal." That has also been the case of our world here at LifeServe blood center. Masks are no longer required if you are vaccinated, we are resuming in-person meetings, and our blood drives are having a more of a pre-pandemic feel with events being on full Bloodmobiles and large blood drives occurring as scheduled.

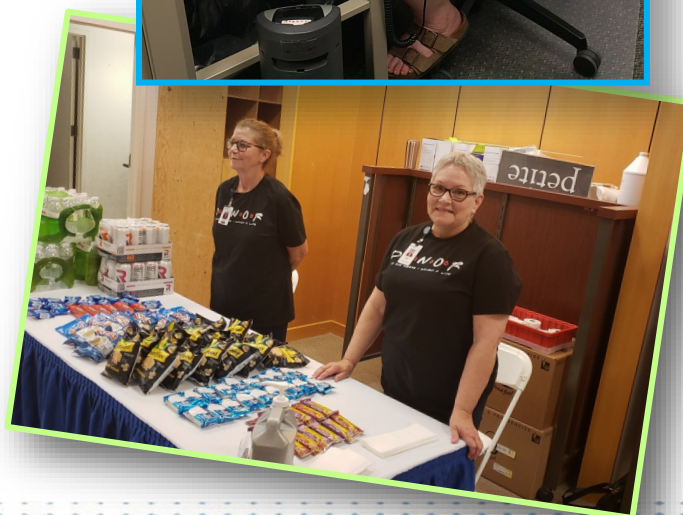
Even though our blood drives are still occurring, we are struggling to maintain a steady blood supply this summer. Our biggest hurdle right now is also similar to the rest of the country. We are struggling to maintain a staffing level that allows us to collect blood to meet the hospital demand. It's a very weird time right now, we have blood donors, we have blood drives wanting to happen, but we are struggling to find the help to go out and collect the blood. So like I am sure you have seen in the hospitality/entertainment industry, retail industry, and frankly numerous other places: LifeServe is hiring. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our team, especially contact center, phlebotomist and our components lab please let us (or me) know!

## LOOKING FORWARD

Coming up for our 3rd quarter, we can hopefully expect all those high school and college blood drives to return to their normal time and we can also plan on our fun holiday activities. Those educational blood drives are some of our most important ones because not only are those sometimes the healthiest donors, but we also hope to create some life-long donors out of those blood drives as well! As for the holiday events, it is probably too early to make a prediction on those, but I will keep everyone in the loop!

Since we have cancelled the big Volunteer Event in 2020, we are hoping to have another one in the fall of 2021. More information to come, and all are invited! I also hope to resume traveling to Mason City, Sioux City and Cedar Falls to see all our volunteers in those locations as well. Fingers crossed!

As for an update with our donor centers, now that Marshalltown has been fully renovated and opened we have our sights set for West Des Moines. We are scheduled to open our new location (4800 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 109) July 1st! Hopefully that goes according to plan, and if you're in the area you can swing by and check it out!



## Welcome Aboard!

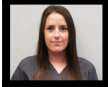
Say hello to the new faces volunteering



**Deb Oleson, Cedar Falls**  
Driver



**Mark Oleson, Cedar Falls**  
Driver



**Sara Gibson, Des Moines**  
Driver



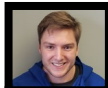
**Reilly Eganhouse, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Jim Douglas, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Joana Aquino, Des Moines**  
Canteen/Office



**Matt Aceto, Des Moines**  
Driver



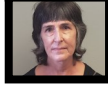
**Delaney Goertzen, Des Moines**  
Contact Center



**John Each, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Patty Connolly, Des Moines**  
Driver



**Leigh Adcock, Ames**  
Driver

# ANNIVERSARIES

First Name	Last Name	Years Served	First Name	Last Name	Years Served
Warren	Pitcher	21 Years	Kyle	Merfeld	4 Years
Jim	McCullough	20 Years	Emma	Bishop	4 Years
Evie	Nemec	18 Years	Ethan	Bishop	4 Years
Daryl	Johnson	12 Years	Jan	Carl	4 Years
JoAn	McLeod	11 Years	Larry	Carl	4 Years
Vicente	Murillo	11 Years	Jim	Egger	4 Years
Darold	Pipho	11 Years	Emily	Klein	3 Years
Rich	Martel	11 Years	Anne	Caudron	3 Years
Jody	Watts	11 Years	Cynthia	Fisher	3 Years
Ina	Heidemann	10 Years	Dyana	Kubiak	3 Years
Jim	Thomas	9 Years	Naomi	Harris	3 Years
Lolane	Smith	8 Years	Mike	Peters	3 Years
Phil	Crum	8 Years	Cristy	Tass	3 Years
Ron	Bauer	7 Years	Norma	Hoos	3 Years
Deb	Bauer	7 Years	Glen	Jeffrey	2 Years
Deena	LaRue	7 Years	Ginny	Knudston	2 Years
Bob	Kennard	7 Years	Paul	McConeghey	2 Years
Steve	Rosenow	7 Years	Steve	Scharnberg	2 Years
Marilyn	Hydrick	7 Years	Nicole	Likens	1 Years
Joe	Gibbs	6 Years	Kevin	McLaughlin	1 Years
Steve	Pringle	6 Years	Alex	Olowolagba	1 Years
Jeff	Hogan	6 Years	Lauryn	Auderer	1 Years
Ed	Allen	6 Years	Jim	Hoyt	1 Years
Bob	Woodard	5 Years	Tom	Oswald	1 Years
Susan	Woodard	5 Years	Janice	Anderson	1 Years
Deanna	Keehn	5 Years	Bhim	Subba	1 Years
Jacqueline	Ehrlich	4 Years	Jacob	Peake	1 Years
Emily	Merfeld	4 Years			

## Mark Your Calendars!

### July:

- 1:** West Des Moines Donor Center opens their new location! (4800 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 109)
- 1-3:** Battle of the Badges Blood Drive (all donor centers)
- 9:** Life 107.9 Blood Drive (DM)
- 16:** Carroll Broadcasting Blood Drive (Carroll, IA)
- 30:** Max and Amy/WHO Radio Blood Drive (DM)

### August:

- 2:** Iowa Barnstormers Blood Drive (DM)
- 5:** Iowa Cubs Blood Drive (DM)
- 6:** Blood Donor Day (SC)
- 27:** Alpha Media Blood Drive (MC)

### September:

- 7:** KXNO CyHawk Week Kick-off Blood Drive (DM)
- 10:** LifeServe's Annual Tailgate Cookout
- 11:** Heroes Behind the Badges



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

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

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