# **Volunteer Times**

For LifeServe Blood Center Volunteers!

### We're Still Powering Through, We've got this!

Hello to everyone! I hope this find you and yours happy and healthy. Which is something that I am just getting more and more used to saying these days. Another three months have come and gone, and we're still here, and still trying to do the best we can. The amount of support we have received from our volunteers in our community have been outstanding and a huge reason for how we have made it this far. So thank you again for all your hard work and willingness to be flexible during all the craziness. You have shown an impressive amount of adaptability as we continually add new processes and procedures while we all try and survive this COVID19 environment. So let me reiterate again: THANK YOU!!

- Kyle Charles



Like I stated above, these last three months have begun a lengthy process to a new normal. We have many safety protocols in place, and I strongly believe everything that has been implemented has been showing successful so far. We have resumed our normal workload of blood drives in the community (with strict social distancing guidelines, thus having smaller drives) resulting in our volunteer demands also coming back to the level they were at prior to March 2020.

We have successfully ended our Summer Season of media blood drives and promotions. Overall, with expectations adjusted for our COVID19 world, our large media drives were a success! We did not have to cancel any of them, and the numbers all came in better than what we had anticipated going into them!

Now we are coming up to something that we will also have to learn from and adapt: School Blood Drives. In the past these were our most consistent, important, and (arguably) best blood drives we would have. They consisted of many first time donors who can become lifelong donors, young healthy blood donors, and a large showing (mainly because the kids got out of class... but who cares when they're saving lives!) of donors. Now we are going to see how schools are going to go through their day-to-day basis, and how the schools feel having us come in for a blood drive.

## LOOKING FORWARD

I would like to be able to tell you exactly what to expect for the next three months, but what these last 6 have shown me is be prepared for anything. As you will be able to see on the next page, a lot of our events are continuing to be cancelled or adjusted to adhere to smart COVID guidelines. One I would like to highlight is our Annual Volunteer All LifeServe Day we typically have every fall. This year our team members will not be having their own All LifeServe Day, so that means there won't be the same presentation for you, our volunteers. What we are doing this year is a series of short videos covering the topics that were typically covered at the event. When these videos do come out, I'll make sure to share the links with you (they'll be youtube video links).

I would also like to extend a congratulations to Warren Pitcher for entering the Fresnius Kabi Donation Hall of Fame for all his work he's done with LifeServe! Typically during that Volunteer All LifeServe Day we have had a small ceremony to honor the winner of this award, but with this unique year, we're still working on how that will be. But if you see Warren around the halls, be sure to say Congrats!

Finally, the last piece of big news I would like to update you on for the upcoming calendar year is we are adding new donor centers to our groups! You may have heard already about our new Ankeny location, that just "opened" in September 2020. This was the first one of this new process of looking at donor data and finding out where we have areas of dense donor populations. We identified Ankeny as one of those regions. Although we are currently setting up shop in Ankeny (1555 SE Delaware), we may move to a larger location once we learn if this location can be successful. We are also going to be doing something similar in the Jordan Creek Mall area in West Des Moines. So keep your eyes peeled for us!











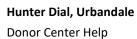


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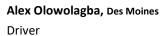
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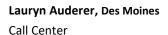
Say hello to the new faces volunteering at LifeServe

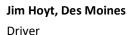




**Aidan Curry, Des Moines** Call Center, Blood Drive Help



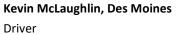




Jacob Peake, Des Moines Driver

Sumitra Red Wing, Des Moines Driver





Nicole Likens, Des Moines

**Chis Daniel, Des Moines**Driver

**Tom Oswald, Des Moines** Driver

Janice Anderson, Mason City
Driver

**Bhim Subba, Des Moines**Call Center and Blood Drive



#### October:

23: KMEG Blood Drive (Dakota Dunes, SD)

129: Carroll Broadcasting Dracula Drive

30: All LifeServe Day Available for Volunteers (virtually!)

30: Halloween festivities at donor centers

#### **November:**

20-21: Holiday Promenade

23-28: Thanks for Giving (Donor Centers)

27: Des Moines Buccaneers Blood Drive

27: KSUX Blood Drive (SC)

#### **December:**

TBD LifeServe Holiday Party

18: Life 107.1 Blood Drive (WDM)

19: KIX 101.1 Blood Drive (Marshalltown)

24: iHeart Saving Lives Blood Drive (URB and DSM)

26: Iowa Wild Blood Drive (DSM)

29: Alpha Media Fort Dodge Blood Drive (FD)

30: Alpha Media Mason City Blood Drive (MC)

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

First Name	Last Name	Years Served	First Name	Last Name	Years Served
Mary	Durand	1 year	Joe	Longfellow	6 years
Steve	Turner	1 year	Ted	Stirling	6 years
Charlie	Browne	1 year	Alexandria	Haafke	6 years
Evan	Petersen	1 year	Ayhan	Atagozli	6 years
Sonya	Sellmeyer	2 years	Megan	Ritter	6 years
David	Miller	2 years	Brad	Ritter	6 years
Brad	Mock	3 years	Marlys	Smith	7 years
Jerry	Hammel	3 years	Thomas (Tom)	Caudron	7 years
Dave	Pietan	3 years	Phillip	Gansen	7 years
Chris	Henderson	3 years	Terry	Slickers	9 years
Deb	Main	4 years	Steve	McLeod	11 years
Katie	Ball	4 years	Jim	Rohden	11 years
Henri	Haafke	4 years	Pat	McCullough	14 years
Don	Taylor	5 years	Wendell	Shellabarger	15 years
Alice	Bandstra	5 years	LaVerne	Quass	17 years
Dave	DeValois	6 years	Joe	Nemec	25 years
Sandy	Longfellow	6 years	Tena	Niggemeyer	28 years



"I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another"

-- Thomas Jefferson



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

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