

# Volunteer Opportunities

Help ensure a successful blood drive



## Volunteer with Memorial Blood Centers

Looking for a way to give back to your community beyond blood donation? Consider volunteering to help ensure blood drives run smoothly and meet the needs of local hospitals! With lots of volunteer options available, you'll find something that fits your unique skillset, availability, and interest.

## A gift that doesn't cost a dime

Like donating blood, volunteering your time to help Memorial Blood Centers run safe, effective, and repeat blood drives allows you to make a huge difference without opening your wallet. This may be an excellent opportunity to give back in between blood donations, or if you're one of the 32% of people who can't give blood.

## Volunteer opportunities

These are just a few much-needed volunteer roles available at Memorial Blood Centers. Continue reading to find out more about these opportunities and how you can get involved!

### Blood Drive Chairperson

Are you an organizer? Dive in and coordinate your own blood drives! Whether in your community, at your place of worship, at school or at your workplace, this role is multifaceted. You have to recruit donors, educate them, advertise your blood drive and thank donors for their donation. The Blood Drive Chairperson helps ensure a safe and sustainable supply of blood for use in local hospitals.

### Canteen Host

Can you keep your pantry stocked? Can you keep ours stocked? The Canteen Host has one of the best volunteer roles: hanging out with donors when they're done, ensuring they're in good health, and making sure they get plenty of cookies!

### Faculty Advisor

Since 1948, Memorial Blood Centers has worked directly with local high schools to host blood drives and inspire new generations of lifesavers. The Faculty Advisor helps guide student coordinators – teaching them how to be successful recruiters, advertisers, and lifesavers. (Plus, we hear it gets you out of class!)

### Registration Host

Are you warm and engaging? Detail-oriented? Cool under pressure? The Registration Host is often the first person blood donors see when they arrive to donate. If you're passionate about welcoming others to come save lives, check out this volunteer role in your community.

### Blood Drive Chairperson

- Promote participation and coordinate all aspects of the school's blood drive(s)
- Identify, recruit, and reward blood drive committee members and volunteers
- Serve as liaison between Memorial Blood Center, blood drive committee members, and other advisors or event sponsors
- Survey potential blood donors to assess the level of participation you might expect in your upcoming blood drive and plan appropriately
- Maintain close contact with your designated Memorial Blood Center Account Manager to set blood drive goals, determine the type of blood drive that best fits your needs, and the promotion support you need
- Reserve space for the blood drive, confirm dates and times, making sure there are no conflicts with holidays, special events, etc.
- Promote...Promote... Promote the blood drive and solicit participation in making blood donations
- Utilize materials in the chairperson toolkit to prepare for a successful blood drive
- Thank blood donors on the day of the drive
- After your drive, celebrate by sharing results and thanking participants, donors, and your blood drive committee

### Faculty Advisor

- Supervise all student activities associated with your school's blood drive
- Provide help in securing access to school resources the blood drive committee needs to ensure the success of the event
- Advocate for the school-sponsored blood drive with fellow staff and faculty
- Create appropriate service learning curriculum and follow-up with students regarding earned credit for service hours
- Confirm blood drive dates and logistics with your school principal

### Canteen Host

- Thank blood donors for their life-saving contributions while serving beverages and snacks
- Stay alert to any post-donation reactions donors may experience, notifying a team member immediately
- Set up the Canteen prior to the start of the drive, and take down at close
- Greet donors as they complete the blood donation process and thank each one individually for their contribution and time
- Encourage donors to take a few minutes to relax in the Canteen
- Serve a beverage and snack to each donor
- Replenish supplies of beverages and snacks, as needed
- Observe donors for any potential adverse reaction or slow recovery, and alert MBC staff immediately

**Training & Time Commitment:** In advance training or day of; Length of blood drive (for students, one or two class periods)

### Registration Host

- Greet donors as they arrive at the registration table
- Assist in ensure proper donor scheduling flow
- Assist in scheduling walk-ins for an appointment to donate during the blood drive
- Ease concerns donors may have about blood donation by providing information that explains the process and the impact of their life-saving gift
- Log donor attendance, if required
- Follow up with donors who missed their appointments—possibly escorting them to the blood drive location to make a donation at a later time
- Provide end-of-day donor count to your blood drive coordinator (or to a student faculty advisor)

**Training Required:** Hands-on training provided; Length of blood drive (for students, one or two class periods)