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Two Local Blood Drives Address an Urgent Need

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American Red Cross

The American Red Cross and the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church are partnering for a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane. The drive comes at a time when the Red Cross has a great need for donors to help prevent a blood shortage. Right now blood products are being distributed to area hospitals almost as quickly as donations are coming in, maintaining the urgent need.

"The need for blood is constant," said Sara O'Brien, Red Cross Northern California Blood Services communications manager. "Patients are depending on generous blood donors to roll up a sleeve and give blood to prevent a shortage." One person who counted on blood being available is Adriana Aboumrad, a senior at Saint Mary's College who had leukemia as a child and is currently in remission. Her mother, Leanne, says it was the

community of donors who really helped Adriana to get through her surgery and recovery.

While walk-ins are welcome, donors may save time with an appointment. Visit redcrossblood.org and insert sponsor code Moraga925.

Local residents can also donate blood at the Second Annual City of Lafayette Blood Drive on Monday, Sept. 15. The Red Cross blood mobile will be parked outside the city offices at Desco Plaza, 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Call Administrative Assistant Dana Anderson for more information and to set up an appointment: (925) 284-1968.

"Without the countless number of people who donate blood, I wouldn't be graduating college this spring," said Aboumrad. "Donating blood truly saves lives and one day it could save yours."

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