

Good Afternoon,

The Rutherford County Health Department is proudly partnering with the American Red Cross for our first blood drive since before COVID-19 on **July 14, 2023** from **9 am – 2 pm**. We hope this will be the first of many blood drives. We'll be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way since each donation we collect can save up to three lives!

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and Rutherford County Health Department. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Aliyah Barr at [darian.barr@tn.gov](mailto:darian.barr@tn.gov) about joining the team, or reach out with any questions you may have.

The Red Cross has been making a humanitarian impact for more than 130 years, and has been collecting blood for over 70 of those years. We can all be part of something important when we work with the Red Cross to strengthen the blood supply and give back to our community.

**Drive Details:**

- Drive Date: July 14, 2023
- Drive Times: 9 AM – 2 PM
- Rutherford County Health Department primary contact: Sydney Young
- Contact email: [Sydney.young@tn.gov](mailto:Sydney.young@tn.gov)
- Contact phone number: 615-898-7896

There are many ways you can help, but most importantly we hope you come out to donate.

If you or anyone you know is interested please reach out! If you are wondering if you are eligible, please refer to the resources below.

- Resources to determine eligibility:
  - Information for Student Donors - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/info-for-student-donors.html>.
  - General questions - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/eligibility-requirements.html>.
  - The most up-to-date eligibility information can be obtained by contacting the Donor Client Support Center at 1-866-236-3276.
- Blood needs & blood supply - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/donate-blood/how-to-donate/how-blood-donations-help/blood-needs-blood-supply.html>.
- Blood Program Leader resources - <https://www.redcrossblood.org/hosting-a-blood-drive/manage-my-blood-drive/blood-drive-coordinator-toolkit/tips-tools-for-recruiting-donors/coordinator-toolkit---tips-and-tools.html>.