

News Release



**American
Red Cross**

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For Immediate Release:

DeKalb County American Red Cross Blood Drive

December 19th 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Genoa Veterans Home

December 14, 2010 – The Genoa Vets Club located at 311 South Washington Street will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Sunday December 19th. “Your blood is needed more than you think. In fact, every two seconds someone in America needs blood,” said Micki Emmett, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross, “In the hour it takes to volunteer to donate blood, you can save up to three lives of patients in your community and across the country.” Give the gift of life this holiday season and **as a special thank you, all presenting blood and platelet donors from December 1st – 31st will be eligible to win a \$100 Visa gift card, to be raffled each day.** (Raffle winners will be contacted after the promo period ends.)

How to Donate at the Genoa Vets Club Blood Drive

Visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. For more information on donating blood call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

DeKalb County American Red Cross Blood Services

Governed by volunteers and supported by giving individuals and communities, the American Red Cross is the single largest supplier of blood products to hospitals throughout the United States. While local hospital needs are always met first, the Red Cross also helps ensure no patient goes without blood no matter where or when they need it. Blood donated during the DeKalb County Chapter’s blood drives goes to the Greater Chicago Area Hospitals, Veteran hospitals and of course the Military. In addition to providing nearly half of the nation’s blood supply, the Red Cross provides relief to victims of disaster, trains millions in lifesaving skills, serves as a communication link between U.S. military members and their families, and assists victims of international disasters or conflicts.

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