

Give the Gift of Life at Kishwaukee United Way's Day of Caring Blood Drive

August 28, 2009 – The DeKalb County American Red Cross is hosting a blood drive as a part of Kishwaukee United Way's Annual Day of Caring on September 10, 2009 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. “Every unit of blood we collect has the potential to help save up to 3 lives,” said Rochelle Cripe, Marketing Coordinator for the DeKalb County American Red Cross. “If 40 people give blood, we can positively impact the lives of over a hundred patients -- that's what the Day of Caring is all about.”

With the volume of blood transfused to patients increasing at a rate of 6 to 8 percent per year, now more than ever the Red Cross needs people to step forward and become regular blood donors.

The blood drive will take place at American National Bank, 1985 DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore on Thursday, September 10 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Simply call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or visit givebloodgivelife.org to make an appointment to donate. Appointments are available every 15 minutes. All blood types are needed, and new donors are welcome.

The entire process takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes. Donors must be at least 17 years old, be in good health, and must weigh at least 110 pounds. A driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

For more information or to schedule a donation, contact Rochelle Cripe at 815-756-7339.