

Red Cross: Roll up sleeve and save lives

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The Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross has three blood drives remaining in November.

The Red Cross noted one pint of blood can save up to three lives. Shortages of blood supplies in New Jersey are being reported. Appointments are preferred to reduce waiting times, but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543 or (908) 273-2076, ext 25.

Schedule Of Drives

The remaining Red Cross blood drives in November will be held:

- From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at the local headquarters for the Boy Scouts of America at 222 Columbia Turnpike in Florham Park;
- From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, at Madison Lodge 1465 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at 192 Main St;
- From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Farleigh Dickinson University Student Center at 285 Madison Ave. in Madison.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help at the blood drives. For information about volunteering, call Red Cross Volunteer Manager Marisa Hottat at (908) 273-2076, ext. 25. Training will be provided.

Blood drives are among the services provided by the local Red Cross chapter. Others include disaster preparedness education and response services; training in such life-saving skills as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), first aid, and water safety; emergency services for members of the armed forces and their families, and transportation.

The Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross is headquartered at 695 Springfield Ave. in Summit, and serves the residents of Summit, Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Florham Park, East Hanover, Long Hill Township, Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Springfield Township.

For information about the local Red Cross, visit www.ccnjredcross.org.