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Red Cross to end one year, begin next with blood drives *Schedule includes locations in Madison, Chatham, Florham Park*

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MADISON - The Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross, with offices in Madison and Summit, and the Millburn-Short Hills Chapter of the American Red Cross have several blood drives scheduled for December and January.

Red Cross officials noted that a single pint of blood can save up to three lives.

To schedule an appointment for a blood donation, call 1-800-448-3543; the Madison office at (973) 377-0455, ext. 15; the Summit office at (908) 273-2076, ext. 11, or the Millburn chapter at (973) 379-4198.

December Drives

Blood drives in December are scheduled for:

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Millburn First Aid Squad, 188 Glen Ave., Millburn Township;
- From 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 29 Prospect St., Madison;
- From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Summit Branch YMCA, 67 Maple Ave., Summit;
- From 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the Colonial Crossroads Chapter at 695 Springfield Ave. in Summit.

In The New Year

January blood drives are scheduled for:

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 Main St., Chatham;

- From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at C.R. Richard Ellis, 100 Campus Drive, Florham Park;
- From 10 am. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Millburn Library, 200 Glen Ave., Millburn Township;
- From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Vincent Martyr Church, 26 Green Village Road, Madison;
- From 1 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Summit-New Providence Rotary Club at Christ Church, 561 Springfield Ave., Summit;
- From 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 29 Prospect St., Madison;
- From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the Summit Medical Group, 1 Diamond Hill Road, Berkeley Heights.

About The Red Cross

Local Red Cross programs and services include disaster preparedness education and response services; life-saving training in such 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; transportation, and blood services.

The Colonial Crossroads Chapter serves the residents of Madison, Summit, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township, Florham Park, East Hanover, Long Hill Township, Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Springfield Township. For information about the American Red Cross chapter, and how residents can donate their expertise, time, money or blood; or help their families, businesses and communities prepare for emergencies, visit www.ccnjredcross.org.

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