



## **BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST OPENS NEW TACOMA DONOR CENTER TO EXPAND BLOOD AND PLATELET DONATION IN PIERCE COUNTY**

*Bloodworks' 15th donor center and second location in Pierce County will provide the city's only dedicated platelet donation center.*



*The Bloodworks Tacoma Donor Center is in the Westgate Shopping Center, former Joeseppi's space, and is now open for donation appointments.*

SEATTLE (May 27, 2026) – Bloodworks Northwest, the primary blood supplier to hospitals across the Pacific Northwest, is proud to announce the opening of its new Tacoma Donor Center, its 15th donor center and second location in Pierce County, joining the Bloodworks Puyallup Donor Center.

Conveniently located at 2207 N. Pearl St., Suite 100, in Tacoma's North End, the new center began accepting donations on May 25, 2026, ahead of its official grand opening celebration. The center will be open five days per week and offer appointments for whole blood, platelets, plasma, and Super Reds. Tacoma Donor Center hours will expand in the future as the number of donors increases in the area.

The Tacoma Donor Center is the only location in Pierce County, other than Puyallup, where donors can give [platelets](#), a lifesaving blood component essential for cancer patients, trauma victims, and others facing serious medical conditions. Because platelets have a shelf life of just five to seven days, compared with up to 42 days for whole blood, there is a constant need for platelet donors to help ensure hospitals have a reliable supply.

The donor center will serve as a vital community resource for Pierce County residents and will support local hospitals, including MultiCare Health System facilities such as Tacoma General Hospital and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.



The Tacoma Donor Center will celebrate its official opening on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting and open house. Bloodworks' President & CEO Curt Bailey and Boden Clark, a Tacoma-area resident whose life was impacted by blood and platelet donations while battling leukemia, will attend the event and share remarks.

“Opening our 15th donor center in Tacoma expands access to both blood and platelet donation for residents throughout Pierce County,” Bailey said. “As the only location in Tacoma where donors can give platelets, this center will play a critical role in helping ensure local patients receive the lifesaving transfusions they need.”

“When I was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2020, 98% of my blood was cancer,” Clark said. “So they pretty much restocked me with 30 transfusions over the course of my treatment.”

Bloodworks Northwest provides blood to more than 95% of the hospitals in Western Washington and Oregon, including all hospitals in Pierce County. It takes approximately 1,000 donations every day to maintain a safe and reliable blood supply for the region. The new Tacoma Donor Center is expected to add over 2,700 donations of blood and platelets to the community supply in its first year.

The Tacoma Donor Center is designed to make donating easy and convenient for local residents, giving donors a comfortable new place to directly support patients in their own community. To learn more about the Tacoma Donor Center or schedule an appointment, visit [www.bloodworksnw.org/tacoma](http://www.bloodworksnw.org/tacoma), call 800-398-7888, or text BWAPP to 999-777 to download the Bloodworks App.

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### **About Bloodworks Northwest**

*Donations to Bloodworks Northwest provide a lifesaving blood supply to 95% of Pacific Northwest hospitals. Since 1944, Bloodworks has served the Pacific Northwest as a local, nonprofit, independent, volunteer-supported and community-based blood center and research institute. Bloodworks partners closely with local hospitals to deliver blood components, specialized laboratory services, and leading-edge research that support patients throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Hear lifesaving stories by subscribing to the award-winning [Bloodworks 101 podcast](#). Blood donation appointments can be scheduled at [BloodworksNW.org](http://BloodworksNW.org).*

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