



# Children's Bloodmobile

## What is the Children's Bloodmobile?

Recognizing the difficulty for donors to come to Children's National Medical Center to donate blood, we've made donating blood more convenient and easy by hitting the road with our new Bloodmobile. Our 40-foot vehicle will travel throughout the greater Washington, DC area to places of employment, schools, organizations, and places of worship for sponsored blood drives.

## Who does Children's Bloodmobile Serve?

The Bloodmobile helps us meet our increased demand for blood to care for our special pediatric patients. Children's National is growing and needs more blood than ever. Babies undergoing heart surgery need blood that is no more than five days old. Countless numbers of children involved in accidents need blood transfusions almost immediately. Some children with certain medical conditions, such as sickle cell anemia, need one to ten units of blood per month.

## Who can Donate Blood?

Anyone age 17 or older, who weighs a minimum of 110 pounds, and is in good health can safely donate blood every two months.

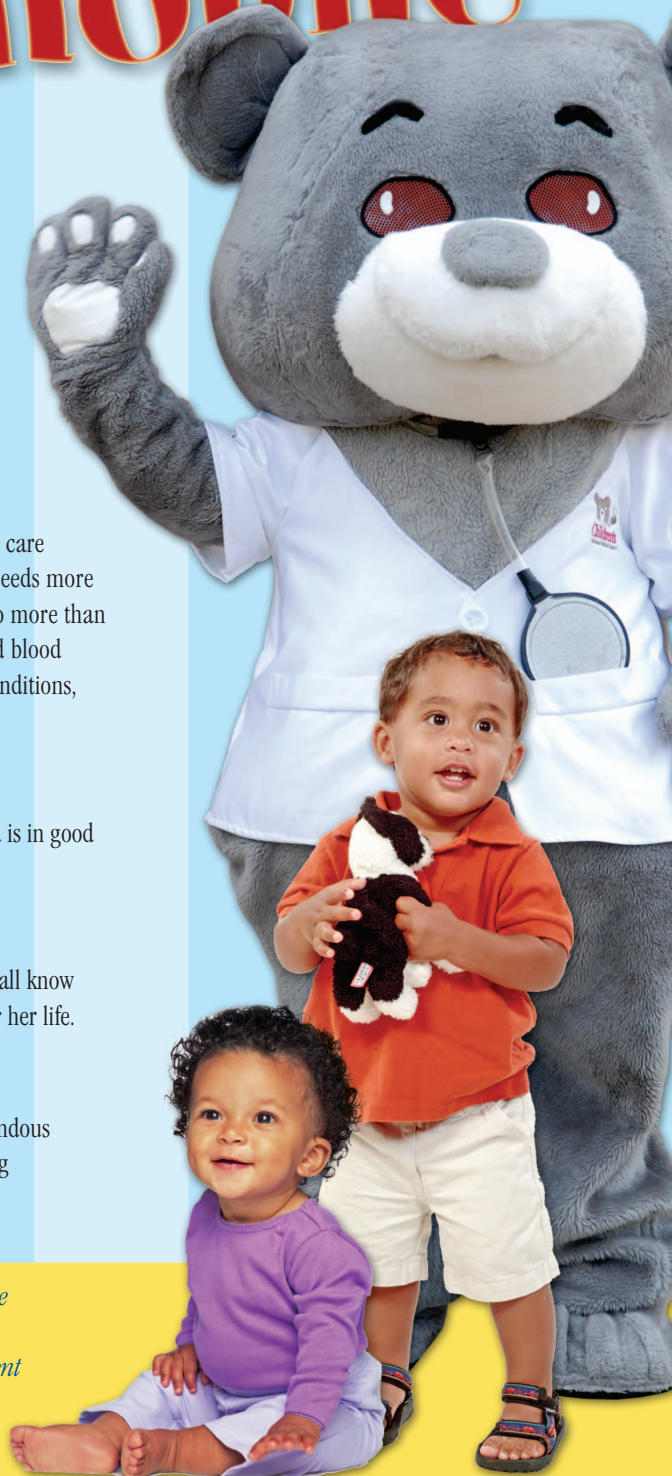
## Why is Donating Blood Important?

The need for red blood cells, platelets, and plasma affects us all. We all know someone who has needed blood or blood products at some point in his or her life.

## How Can I Schedule A Bloodmobile Drive?

With minimal time and effort, your organization can make a tremendous impact in the lives of hundreds of sick and injured children by sponsoring a Bloodmobile drive.

*To learn more about sponsoring a Bloodmobile drive or to receive more information on how you can help children in need of lifesaving blood, please call **202-476-KIDS (5437)**. Schedule your appointment at [www.childrensnational.org/donateblood](http://www.childrensnational.org/donateblood).*





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