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## **Gary / Chicago International Airport Partners with American Red Cross to Host Community Blood Drive**

*Special Event Seeks 75 Registrants and Scheduled to Occur on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Airport's Conference Room, 6001- C Airport Road*

(Gary, IN – June 16th 2026) – The [Gary / Chicago International Airport \(GCI A\)](#) , in partnership with the [American Red Cross](#), will host a community blood drive on Tuesday, June 23rd from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The blood drive is open to members of the public and aims to address the ongoing need for blood donations across the region. The event will be hosted at the airport's main conference room, located at 6001-C Airport Road.

Appointments are encouraged to help ensure an efficient donation experience, although walk-ins will be accepted as space allows. **To schedule an appointment or learn more, please visit [www.flyggy.com/donate/](http://www.flyggy.com/donate/)**

"The Gary / Chicago International Airport understands the critical role blood donations provide to saving lives, especially given the presence of first responders who serve on the front lines of public safety every day," **said Dan Vicari, Executive Director of the Gary / Chicago International Airport.** "We are proud to partner with the American Red Cross to help address the continued need for blood donations and provide our community with the opportunity to make a meaningful, life-saving impact."

According to the American Red Cross, blood cannot be manufactured and must be provided by volunteer donors. Every two (2) seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, and a single donation can help save more than one life. Despite this need, only about three (3) percent of eligible Americans donate blood.

"The need for blood is constant, and every donation has the potential to save lives," **said Ashley Holland of the American Red Cross.** "We are proud to work with the Gary / Chicago International Airport to bring this life-saving opportunity to our local community and encourage residents to take part in this important effort."

Blood donations support patients facing a wide-range of medical needs, including:

- Emergency and trauma care
- Cancer treatment
- Surgical procedures
- Chronic conditions such as sickle cell disease

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### **About Gary/Chicago International Airport**

*Located minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan and just 25 miles from downtown Chicago, Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYI) is a full-service airport and a premiere destination for corporate*



*and weekend flyers in the Chicago metropolitan region and Northwest Indiana. To learn more, visit the airport's new website at [FlyGYY.com](http://FlyGYY.com).*

***About the American Red Cross***

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disaster; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. For more information, visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)*