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Dear Community Member:

We are all really excited about the important *Chesed* Project initiated by Bob and Judy Hellman. The 11th Annual St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will take place at our shul on Sunday, January 7, 2018 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. In addition to the blood drive we will be collecting non-perishable items on behalf of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.

We need your help and we need your support. **We need blood donors.** There is an increasing need of blood and blood products, from the young preemie to the geriatric patients. These patients need transfusions. Cancer patients while taking chemotherapy drugs to battle their cancer often need multiple transfusions. It is critical that people come and donate blood.

Of course, the Red Cross will have its professional staff present to help us organize ourselves efficiently and take care of all of the "medical" aspects of the day, from blood testing, through donations, safe disposal of medical instruments and donor recovery. But those of us who are not in the medical profession still have important and key roles to play.

Join in the fun, enjoy the camaraderie and become a part of something for which we can all be proud. Let's encourage our high school students to participate in the day as donors and workers too. Parental permission is required for sixteen year old donors; anyone seventeen years and older is eligible to donate blood on their own. Everyone is required to bring a photo ID to donate.

Please contact Judy or Bob Hellman at 862-8432 or jrhellman@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

"He who saves one life is as if they have saved an entire world." (Mishnah, Sanhedrin)

Thank you very much. *Tizku Le Mitzvot.*

Sincerely,

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