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## **Summer Blood Drive Helps Save Lives**

PARK RAPIDS, MN (June 8, 2017) – Lifeguards aren't the only ones who'll be saving lives this summer. The residents of Park Rapids and surrounding communities will – by donating blood. Unfortunately, during the hottest months of the year, donors often are in short supply. Many are on vacation or out having fun in the sun. United Blood Services urges community members who have never given to roll up their sleeves this summer to give blood as new donors are always needed!

While people are much busier than they are at other times of the year, patients who are in need of a blood transfusion still depend on a volunteer like you to take the time to give blood.

Every two to three seconds someone in this country is in need of a blood transfusion and CHI St. Joseph's Health community blood donors will make a difference on Friday, June 23rd at CHI St. Joseph's Health in the lower level conference rooms from 8:30 am – 3 pm. Contact Betsy Meyer at (218) 616-3197 or go to: [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com), enter sponsor code: parkrapidshospital.

To donate blood, volunteers must be at least 16 years old and be in good health. To increase the number of blood donations this summer, all donors between June 1st and Sept. 9, 2017 will be entered into a drawing to win a 2016 Harley Davidson XG750.

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### **About CHI St. Joseph's Health**

*CHI St. Joseph's Health is a 25-bed critical access hospital serving communities in Hubbard, Becker, Cass and Wadena Counties since 1946. In recent years, CHI St. Joseph's Health's award-winning teams received several national honors including: The Joint Commission Top Performer on Key Quality Measures in surgery; Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, HealthStrong; WomenCertified's America's Best Hospitals Women's Choice Award in obstetrics; and the Studer Group Fire Starter Healthcare Organization of the Month among other national, regional and state recognitions.*

**About CHI**

*St. Joseph Hospital is part of Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI), a national nonprofit health system based in Englewood, Colorado. The faith-based system operates in 18 states and includes 103 hospitals, as well as long-term care, assisted- and residential living communities; community health services organizations; home health agencies and outpatient facilities and services. In fiscal year 2016, CHI provided more than \$1.1 billion in financial assistance and community benefit. CHI generated operating revenues of \$15.9 billion and has total assets of approximately \$22.7 billion.*

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