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Summer Blood Donations Needed- All Blood Donors Receive a T-shirt in June

PARK RAPIDS, MN (June 16, 2016) – CHI St. Joseph's Health will be a blood donation site on June 28th.

All blood donors who donate at their local United Blood Services blood center or blood drive now through June 30 will receive a free "Life's a Beach" T-shirt for helping stock the shelves during the typically slow summer season.

"We usually struggle the most during the summer months to keep enough blood donors coming in," said Jennifer Bredahl, Regional Donor Recruitment Director, United Blood Services. "We all get busy , and donating blood takes a backseat, but that can really have a negative impact on the blood supply if we don't rally together to ensure enough blood is still available for patients when they need it."

United Blood Services encourages those who have never tried donating before, or those who haven't given for a while to make an appointment today to ensure an adequate blood supply is maintained. Your next opportunity to donate locally will be on Tuesday, June 28, in Park Rapids, at CHI St. Joseph's Health, Lower Level Conference Rooms. For an appointment please contact Volunteer Services at 616.3197 or go to www.bloodhero.com and use sponsor code: ParkRapidsHospital.

Donors can now save time and fill out their Fast Track Health History Questionnaire online at www.unitedbloodservices.org the day of their donation. To donate blood, volunteers must be

at least 16 years old (16 year old donors need a minor donor permit which is available online) and be in good health.

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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

Catholic Health Initiatives, one of the nation's largest health systems, was formed in 1996 to strengthen the Catholic health ministry for the future. With deep roots in the tradition of expressing Christ's love by caring for those in need, Catholic Health Initiatives serves more than four million people each year through acute care hospitals; long-term care, assisted and residential-living facilities; community-based health services; home care; research and development; and reference laboratory services.

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