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**McHenry County to Host Community Blood & Marrow Drive**

McHenry County is hosting a Community Blood & Marrow Drive on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Administration Building in Conference Rooms B & C on 667 Ware Road in Woodstock, IL. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center, the sole supplier of blood and related services to Harvard Memorial Hospital, will draw blood and will be registering people to be on the *Be the Match Marrow Registry* between 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Every day, thousands of patients with leukemia & other life threatening diseases hope for a marrow donor who can make their transplant possible. Seventy percent of patients do not have a donor in their family. They depend on people like individuals to join the *Be The Match Marrow Registry*.

If you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health, you should be eligible to donate blood. The Rock River Valley Blood Center needs to collect 1000 units each week to meet area patient needs. Join us in sharing the Gift of Life by contacting Tricia Pechotta at (815)334-4218 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

You can contact the Rock River Valley Blood Center at (815)965-8751 or toll free at (866)889-9073 or by visiting [www.rrvbc.org](http://www.rrvbc.org).

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