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COUNTY HELPS HUNDREDS OF LOCAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS IN NEED *Board of Supervisors Chairman Greg Cox Kicks Off Blood Drive Event by Rolling Up Sleeve*

Chairman Greg Cox begins the County of San Diego's month-long blood drive by making a blood donation **Wednesday, April 2 at 9 a.m. at the County Administration Center.**

"I have donated blood throughout my life. It is an easy way to help people in need in our community, and I encourage all County employees and their families and friends to participate," said Chairman Cox, who has given more than 100 pints of blood and earned a ten gallon hat for his efforts.

The County of San Diego is partnering with the San Diego Blood Bank for the 24th Annual County blood drive in April. The event has resulted in 13,000 pints of blood over the years.

For this year's blood drive, people will be able to donate at 25 County locations throughout the month, and the public is welcome to participate to help reach the goal of 700 pints collected.

While that may sound like a lot, the San Diego Blood Bank must collect 400 pints every single day to treat people with a wide variety of conditions, including cancer, blood disorders and trauma. Many patients need multiple transfusions.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. For a complete list of requirements and to make an appointment for the County blood drive, please visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org.

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