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NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH 1-30 JUNE 2012

World Blood Donor Day is commemorated annually on 14 June to the millions of people who give their blood on a voluntary, free basis to save the lives of those people in need. The day aims to raise awareness of the need for healthy blood, to thank and honour those blood donors who make transfusion possible and to encourage regular blood donation by suitable donors.

Because blood contains living cells, it cannot be manufactured. Healthy donors are the only source of blood for those who are in need for it.

If it was not for blood donors, life-saving medical treatment for children with life threatening anaemia, women with pregnancy related complications, organ transplant, surgical treatment for people who are involved in accidents and cancer treatments would not be possible. Your blood can save lives.

As South Africans we can all be proud of our dedication and selfless voluntary donors who regular donate blood to save the lives of thousands of our people every year. One must develop a habit of donating blood in the order that South African National Blood Service (SANBS) has sufficient blood in stock to ensure that in cases of emergency healthy blood is always available for needy patients.