



BLOOD DRIVE

On behalf of

KAYLA NEWCOMER

Kayla is the 31 year old, sister of past Chapter President, Miki Vargo, and has recently been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). AML is a form of blood cancer which causes bone marrow cells to mature improperly, resulting in abnormalities in the white, red and platelet making blood cells. In general, cancer patients may require up to 4 pints of blood every day for 2-4 weeks in order to tolerate some treatments. Since being diagnosed in May, Kayla has spent the majority of her time at UPMC Shadyside Hospital receiving chemotherapy and roughly two dozen blood and platelet transfusions. These transfusions were made possible by the blood products donated by strangers through the Central Blood Bank. When not in the hospital, Kayla is at home in Windber, PA, where she cherishes spending time with her 3 young boys and family; the driving forces behind her strength to fight and beat this cancer.

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*This blood drive is a "Replenishment Blood Drive." All blood types are welcomed and blood donated will be used to help replace blood used by Kayla and others. There are no specific times, dates or locations for the drive; just contact the Central Blood Bank to schedule an appointment at a location, date and time most convenient for you. Please make sure to use Kayla's identification number: **Z-0020877**.*



- All Blood Types are welcomed and needed, especially 0 negative.
- 1 Single donation can save up to 3 people.
- A person is able to donate blood every 56 days; and platelets every 14 days.
- The shelf life of Red Blood Cells is 42 days; Platelets only 5 days; & Plasma may be frozen for up to 1 year.

The Holiday Challenge

The person who donates the most number of times up until December 9, 2014, will receive free admittance to the CSI Pittsburgh Holiday Gala (*compliments of Gail Nagie*)



1-866-DONORS1
1-866-366-6771

www.centralbloodbank.org

**See also attached list of location to donate*