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WCHS Community Health Fair Blood Drive Marks Progress and Increased Participation

Winnebago, NE - On Wednesday, May 29th, the WCHS hosted another community blood drive, this time during the Annual Health Fair, making significant progress in their ongoing efforts to bolster the local blood supply and save lives. This event saw an impressive turnout, further underscoring Winnebago's staff and community's unwavering commitment to health and healthcare.

Building on the success of the previous blood drive held in January, where eight donors—including two first-time donors—contributed nine units of blood, potentially saving or sustaining up to 28 lives, the recent drive achieved even greater results. The most recent blood drive welcomed thirteen donors, including five first-time donors, resulting in the collection of twelve units of blood. These contributions are expected to save or sustain up to 36 lives.

Felicia Masquat, Health Promotion Educational Director, emphasized the significance of these blood drives in maintaining a steady supply of blood for patients in need. She stated, "The increased participation in our latest blood drive highlights the growing commitment of our community to support healthcare. The addition of new donors is particularly encouraging, as it ensures the sustainability of our blood supply. Collectively, we are continuing to make a significant difference in healthcare outcomes."

WCHS extended its gratitude to LifeServe for their partnership in making these blood drives possible. The continued collaboration between WCHS and LifeServe plays a critical role in the success of these events.

Mona Zuffante, Chief Public Health Officer at WCHS, shared her enthusiasm for the event's success, stating, "The remarkable turnout at our Annual Health Fair including the latest blood drive is a testament to the strength and compassion of our community. Every donor plays a crucial role in saving lives, and I am incredibly proud of the collective effort to support those in need."

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