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BLOOD DONORS SENDING GET WELL WISHES TO CHRIS SIMMS

(St. Petersburg, FL: September 25, 2006): Florida Blood Services blood donors are invited to stop by any of their 13 Tampa Bay area Donor Centers to sign get-well cards for Chris Simms. It was reported in the news that Chris' spleen was ruptured yesterday during the Tampa Bay Buccaneers home game against the Carolina Panthers, requiring him to have blood transfusions. Today through Wednesday, September 27, donors may stop by any of the Donor Center locations during the days and hours listed below to sign the cards.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

*Brandon 813-661-4528 727 Lumsden Rd. Ste. A (At Kings Ave. Oak Park Plaza) Brandon, FL 33511	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 7:00 am – 1:00 pm 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Kennedy 813-282-3976 4041 W Kennedy Blvd (West of S. Dale Mabry) Tampa, FL 33609	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Northdale 813-964-1354 15427 N Dale Mabry Hwy (N Bearrs/Dibbs Ctr) Tampa, FL 33618	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Plant City 813-752-7638 1902 Jim Redman Parkway (Strawberry Plaza) Plant City, FL 33563	Monday - Thursday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm
*Tampa North 813-903-2600 5301 East Fletcher Ave. (E. of I-275 at 53 Street) Tampa, FL 33617	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 7:00 am – 1:00 pm 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

MANATEE COUNTY

Lakewood Ranch 941-907-0806 8340 Lakewood Ranch Blvd (At University Pkwy) Bradenton, FL 34202	Monday - Thursday	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
*Bradenton 941-746-7195 216 Manatee Ave. East (At 2 nd Street East) Bradenton, FL 34208	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	8:00 am – 7:00 pm 8:00 am – 5:00 pm 7:00 am – 1:00 pm 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

PASCO COUNTY

***Hudson 727-819-5433 ext. 3100**
7214 State Road 52 (¼ mile East of US 19)
Hudson, FL 34667

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Wesley Chapel 813-929-6500
5319 Village Drive (In Village Market Plaza)
SE corner I-75 & SR 54
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

PINELLAS COUNTY

***Clearwater 727-582-9500**
1680 South Missouri Ave.
(South of Belleair, by Office Depot)
Clearwater, FL 33756

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Largo 727-548-2583
11401 Belcher Road, Ste E
North of Bryan Dairy in Baxter Healthcare
Largo, FL 33773

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

***St. Petersburg 727-568-5433 ext. 2112**
10100 Dr. ML King Jr. Street N. (At Gandy Blvd)
St. Petersburg, FL 33716

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tyrone 727-384-4145
1700 66th Street North Ste 102 (At 18th Ave. N)
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

“The large cards will be available for signing this afternoon through Wednesday, and will be sent over to Chris at St. Joseph’s Hospital on Thursday,” said JB Gaskins, FBS Vice President of Donor Systems. “Our community’s donors give blood to make sure it is available when it is needed most. This was one of those times,” said Gaskins. “Every volunteer blood donation is, in reality, a get-well wish from a donor to an anonymous patient in need.”

Florida Blood Services provides for the blood needs of patients at 38 hospitals in Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties through the participation of volunteer blood donors. Approximately 750 donations are required daily, due to the high quality of medical care in Tampa Bay that serves the most critically ill patients throughout West Central Florida.

Additional blood supply information can be found at www.fbsblood.org

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