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City of Palmdale to Host Blood Drive on October 14

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale will host a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at Poncitlán Square.

All donors will receive a coupon good for a free pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

“This blood drive is in support of Providence Health and Services, a non-profit Catholic hospital organization,” said Administrative Technician and Blood Drive Coordinator Kathy Inman. “They collect blood for their Southern California hospitals including Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, which has the second largest privately-owned Trauma center in Los Angeles County. Many Antelope Valley residents are brought to Holy Cross in Mission Hills because of the trauma center.”

“Everyone who uses these facilities are served regardless of religion or ability to pay,” Inman said. “The donations that are collected go directly to their patients rather than purchasing blood from one of the other companies.”

To sign up for the blood drive, please call 661/267-5229 or email at kinman@cityofpalmdale.org.

Each year, the City of Palmdale hosts three blood drives as part of its employee wellness program. In 2013, City of Palmdale employees and residents combined to donate 76 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

“Statistics tell us that for every pint of blood donated, three lives can be saved,” Inman said.

For more information about Providence, please visit www.providence.org/california.

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