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City of Palmdale to Host Blood Drive on March 25

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale will host a blood drive on Tuesday, March 25, from 9 am to 3 pm at Poncitlán Square.

“For this drive, all blood donations will go to 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.”

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

Other Southern California hospitals that are supported by Providence Health and Services include Saint Joseph’s in Burbank, Tarzana Medical Center, Little Company of Mary in Torrance and San Pedro, and, soon, Saint John’s in Santa Monica.

“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.”

“The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community,” added Inman. “To make a donation, please call me at 267-5229 and I’ll reserve a spot for you,” said Inman.

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.

“According to the statistics, 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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