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OU blood drives aid victims of terrorist attacks

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The Oakland University community can assist victims of Tuesday's terrorist attacks by donating blood at two separate drives.

St. John Fisher Chapel, located across the OU campus at 3665 E. Walton Boulevard, is holding a blood drive in conjunction with the **American Red Cross** on Sunday, September 16.

People who wish to donate blood are strongly encouraged to come between noon and 2:30 p.m., said St. John Fisher Administrative Assistant and Pastoral Associate Sue Buratto.

"Our morning times for blood donations are already filled and we'll also be packed with people coming to Mass," Buratto said. "I can't predict how many people will come down, but please be aware that we may not be able to accommodate everyone."

OU and the Red Cross are holding the annual fall blood drive October 15-17 from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the **Oakland Center** Gold Rooms.

Many people already have signed up to donate at that drive at a table set up outside the memorial service on OU's campus Wednesday, September 12. The service was held to offer prayers, provide support, and reflect upon Tuesday's terrorist attacks on the United States.

"Response before, during and after the memorial service was phenomenal," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs and OU blood drive coordinator. "Already we've had 110 people sign up to give blood. With the numbers we've had so far, it's likely that the Red Cross will add tables to accommodate all the donors."

To make an appointment for the OU blood drive, call the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or register online by going to the **American Red Cross Blood Donation** Web site (password OUBLOOD). You also may schedule a blood donation by calling (800) GIVE-LIFE.

Nationally, the Red Cross is preparing to ship over 50,000 units of blood to the affected areas of Tuesday's tragedies, according to the **American Red Cross** Web site.

"The American Red Cross is doing everything we can to ensure the immediate availability of the safest possible blood," said Dr. Bernadine Healy, president and CEO of the American Red Cross, in a press release.

For more information on blood donation and disaster relief efforts, visit the **American Red Cross** Web site.

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