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Cal/EPA Receives Award from BloodSource for its 2011 Donations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California Environmental Protection Agency received the Gift of Hope Award from BloodSource for its employees donating a total of 600 pints of blood in 2011.

“Our employees truly care about achieving our mission of protecting public health and the environment for all Californians. Giving blood is just one of many examples of their dedication to public service,” said Cal/EPA Secretary Matt Rodriquez.

The Gift of Hope Award in the government category was given to Cal/EPA to honor its consistent and successful blood drives dating back to 1995.

Every year, BloodSource recognizes its mobile blood drives that reach statistical milestones and percentages of participation. Cal/EPA has consistently transformed its mezzanine into a mobile blood drive that averages at least 100 participants every time, donating consistently between 95 and 105 pints of blood.

BloodSource account manager Kathy Ullerich added, “The reason for Cal/EPA’s continued success is because of the support of building management and staff that helps transform the mezzanine each and every time into a fabulous location for a blood drive.”

“Without this important partnership, we could not meet the needs of the patients in need of blood transfusions in the Sacramento area. For this reason, we are proud to present the 2011 Gift of Hope Award to Cal/EPA,” said Ullerich.

The 2011 Gift of Hope Award is one of many awards Cal/EPA has received over the years for its blood donation drives including: Most Units Drawn (2001); Blood Drive of the Year (2001); Holiday Blood Drive 100+ (2002); Most Registered Units (2003); and the Symbol of Excellence presented to Cal/EPA for having the most registered donors in State Government (2004, 2006, 2009, 2010).

Cal/EPA employees have a history of charitable giving. This year they donated more than 6,541 pounds, of food to the California State Employees Food Drive. Cal/EPA also sponsors News10 Coats for Kids drive, Gifts from the Heart and hosts a Helping Hands Outlet that was developed during furloughs to meet the growing needs of staff struggling to make ends meet.

“I’m proud to work with so many employees that see the good in giving back to our community,” said Secretary Rodriquez.

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Courtesy of Dominique Word: Cal/EPA employee and frequent donor Donald Johnson gives blood at the Agency's most recent blood drive held on March 7, 2012.

The California Environmental Protection Agency is charged with developing, implementing and enforcing the state's environmental protection laws that ensure clean air, clean water, clean soil, safe pesticides, and waste recycling and reduction. Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using cutting-edge research to shape the state's environmental laws. Cal/EPA is home to the California Air Resources Board, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Pesticide Regulation, Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

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