



PCHS CRUSHES BLOOD DONOR RECORD

Submitted by ARUP Services

Park City High School and the surrounding community came out in force during the latest blood drive with ARUP Blood Services and donated a record 73 units of life-saving blood. The previous record was 33 units in 2004. Because whole blood donations can be separated to make multiple life-saving blood products more than 146 blood products were made for patients. The new formed chapter of HOSA sponsored the drive and because of their dedicated efforts and the support of their advisor, Robbie Rauzi, a new record was set for the high school blood drive.

The blood drive was held at the Eccles Center at Park City High School on March 6, 2009 and more than 100 people turned out to donate blood. All the donated blood went to patients at University Hospital, Huntsman Cancer Hospital, Primary Children's Medical Center, and Shriners Hospital for Children. There are more than 40 hospitals in Utah, but these four use around 25% of the transfused blood in the state.

ARUP sponsors scholarships for HOSA chapters and helps high school students learn leadership skills, offer student introduction and training in the medical fields, and try to help students learn how important it is to become lifelong blood donors. For more information about ARUP Blood Services, visit us at www.utahblood.org.

