

Transcription of Episode 349: Blood Drive

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Bob Firing 00:00

Good morning Shadow Hills. Well, I am back again with a project that you can all participate in my we are going to talk about the LifeStream blood drive. And the first person who's the point person here at Shadow Hills is Stacy Boeskin. And Stacy, welcome to the podcast.

Stacy Boeskin 00:32

Thanks Bob.

Bob Firing 00:33

So tell us a bit about yourself. How long have you been here? And what gave you the idea to become the point person for this?

Stacy Boeskin 00:40

So I've been here about five years and love the community. So I always wanted to do something, get people involved. And I was watching a news clip on how much blood they needed out of here and how low they were. So I said, this is something Sun City Shadow Hills can get involved in. And so I contacted, LifeStream and got in touch with Martin, who you'll hear from in a minute. And we've set it up and we had, I believe one of the biggest blood drives, they'd had quite a while. And he'll correct me if I'm wrong on that. I'm sure. So it was great. I'm sure that we saved a lot of lives or improved some for sure. So yeah, they asked me to come back and do it again.

Bob Firing 01:22

Yeah, yeah. And so Martin, tell us a bit about LifeStream.

Martin Arredondo 01:28

Yes. Well, LifeStream is the provider of blood and blood products for all the hospitals here in the Coachella Valley, and other hospitals throughout Southern California. And we help you know, through our blood volunteer blood donors helped maintain the local blood supply

Bob Firing 01:43

And give us some order of magnitude how much blood is needed on a monthly basis?

Martin Arredondo 01:51

Oh, monthly, we're talking about 1000s of units. Close to about at least 4500 a month to supply to all the hospitals that we serve.

Bob Firing 01:59

So there's a great need and you are We are headquartered in San Bernardino. But you have several facilities here in the Coachella Valley, right?

Martin Arredondo 02:11

Yes, we have two, one in La Quinta and another in Rancho Mirage.

Bob Firing 02:14

Okay, and so what when are you going to be here

Martin Arredondo 02:20

On Tuesday, November 29, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. And we'll be located at the Montecito Ballroom.

Bob Firing 02:26

Okay. And is there a procedure for people to sign up so that everybody isn't come at the same time?

Martin Arredondo 02:35

Yes, there's actually multiple ways to sign up you can sign up with Stacey or there's, we have our on our posters, we have an 800 number listed. Also a QR code you can scan with a mobile phone, and also a link a web link. You can type in on your computer or tablet and you can access the appointment schedule and sign up and there are appointments still available.

Stacy Boeskin 02:56

And Bob just so you know, it went out on the eblasts a couple of the morning, Monday morning eblast. We have some posters out in the Montecito and the Santa Rosa. I sent out quite a few emails, so everybody shouldn't be able to have the link. I think I also put it on Nextdoor. And on Facebook just to get anybody I can involved. Yeah. Great.

Bob Firing 03:14

Do you recall how many people participated last spring?

Stacy Boeskin 03:17

Martin wasn't about 80? Somewhere

Martin Arredondo 03:19

We had. We had 79 people registered and 77 pints of blood were collected. huge turnout. That's great city Shadow Hills.

Bob Firing 03:28

That's great. Well, thanks to the residents. So we've got an active community here. And hopefully we will be attracting some more this coming November.

Martin Arredondo 03:42

Absolutely.

Stacy Boeskin 03:43

Okay. And I also want to do a shout out to everybody else who donated those 79 people who donated I think it was in April. So thanks very much.

Martin Arredondo 03:52

Yes, and that is a record for Sun City Shadow Hills. That is a big record. The last big number we donated was 54 pints of blood and that's back in 2008. So we really appreciate the support.

Bob Firing 04:07

I think that speaks well of Stacy.

Martin Arredondo 04:10

Come on by.

Bob Firing 04:11

It's good to have a local person promoting it, I think.

Martin Arredondo 04:15

Absolutely.

Bob Firing 04:17

Okay. Well, thank you for your time. And we will see you on November 29.

Martin Arredondo 04:23

Wonderful. I look forward to it.

Stacy Boeskin 04:25

Thank you, Martin.

Bob Firing 04:26

Stacy, thank you for coming in and promoting this.

Stacy Boeskin 04:29

Thanks for letting me do it.

Martin Arredondo 04:30

Oh, thank you Bob.

Bob Firing 04:32

Okay, and for the community. Until next time, bye-bye.