

News Release



**American
Red Cross**

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#GiveNow and Help Save Lives In Honor of Linda Klump

Mowrystown, Oh. (March 14, 2018) — Show your support for your community and make a difference in someone's life. On April 28, 2018, #GiveNow in honor of Linda Klump at the American Red Cross blood drive at Whiteoak High School.

In 2014, Linda Klump was diagnosed with a connective tissue disorder called Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS). Klump experienced a blood vessel rupture and in less than 24 hours she lost almost half of her blood. It was the blood, already on the shelves, donated by complete strangers, that helped to save her life.

Now, Whiteoak High School is hosting this blood drive in Klump's honor in hopes of paying it forward. Come show your support for Linda Klump and other patients in dire need for blood!

Whiteoak High School

April 28, 2018

9am – 2:30pm

44 North High Street,
Mowrystown, OH 45155

How to donate blood

Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments are encouraged. Simply download the [American Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass[®] to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Volunteers needed

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit rdcrss.org/driver.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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