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March 7, 2016

Dear Mr. Tarasovitch:

As we head into the final few months of this 2015-16 school year, I want to take the time to thank Erie County Technical School for all the blood drives hosted over the years. I'm not sure how often the results get relayed back to you, the Principal, so I wanted to recap our relationship.

We have worked with Erie County Tech since 2007 and have collected 508 units of life saving blood! That means that the students and faculty at Erie County Tech have impacted the lives of over 1,000 recipients of blood products!

We understand that from time to time, our local high schools may be contacted by other blood centers. While all blood drives may seem equal, we want to make sure all of our schools understand the importance of working with Community Blood Bank.

First of all, the Community Blood Bank is the supplier of blood to hospitals and patients in Erie County including UPMC Hamot, Saint Vincent Health System, Millcreek Community, and Corry Memorial, to name a few. We also supply the blood for the medivac helicopters in the area. This means that by donating exclusively with Community Blood Bank, you know you are helping to save the lives of family, friends and neighbors.

Second, our staff is extremely versed in how to care for young donors at high school drives. We have hydration programs in place to limit reactions, and our staff has outstanding customer service. We understand these donors can be scared, and we work to make sure they have rewarding and successful donation experiences.

Our high schools are extremely important to us, as we are hopefully starting a generation of lifelong donors through the schools. Because of this, we offer several programs to both recognize student achievements as well as school participation. I have included information on the programs that we offer.

Being local, we can provide additional services to your school as well. We recently started an education program that ties into grades K-12 science and biology classes that educates students



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on blood components and their functions and provides a few fun activities on blood typing and compatibility. It also sets up the opportunity for elementary and middle school students to plan a blood drive for their families and teachers to attend. I have attached information on this Education Program. If you feel your school could benefit from this, please contact me. We can also provide tours of our Fixed Site where students could see what happens when the blood leaves the blood drives.

Lastly, I would encourage you to visit our website at www.fourhearts.org and view the video on our homepage. It highlights one recipient from North East, PA that has benefited from over 35 units received from donors here in Erie County.

Again, we appreciate Erie County Tech letting us host blood drives and we hope to continue to be the exclusive blood drive host at your school for years to come!

If you have any questions on any of the information in this letter, or anything else, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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