

Charles Drew Blood Drive



Dr. Charles Drew was an esteemed African American who invented the blood bank. The Portland Red Cross will hold a blood donation event on Saturday, June 17 to highlight the need for a diverse blood supply.

Event critical for saving lives

Eligible donors are encouraged to give at the 12th annual Dr. Charles Drew blood drive Saturday, June 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Red Cross Portland Blood Donation Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

All those coming to donate will

receive a commemorative T-shirt, a \$10 Visa gift card, courtesy of Suburban Propane, and a 50 percent off Adidas coupon, while supplies last.

Dr. Drew laid the groundwork for today's modern blood donation program through his innovative work in blood banking during the 1940s. He then became the first medical director for the American Red Cross in 1941.

"Dr. Drew's contributions to the blood banking industry are momentous," said Dr. Hank Hanna, medical director of the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. "He was a surgeon, educator, scientist and the first African-American blood specialist who helped shaped the blood services industry. His legacy is far-reaching and we hope this drive helps educate the community about the need for a diverse blood supply."

To make a blood donation appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

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