

# Resource Sharing

**Resource Sharing** is a cooperative effort among independent blood centers designed to meet fluctuating blood component needs and address temporary blood shortages around the country.

Realizing that blood is a living tissue with a limited shelf life, a coalition of blood centers organized a program to utilize every unit of blood before it outdates and has to be discarded.

The philosophy of Resource Sharing recognizes it is better to share units of blood and blood products that are not used in our local service areas with patients in areas of the nation suffering blood shortages. This practice ensures there is no waste and lives are saved.

LifeShare Blood Centers provides the blood needs of patients in our local service areas first. Blood is shared with others, only after local needs are met. As stewards of your Gift of Life, we are responsible for managing your donation so that it benefits someone, somewhere. LifeShare Blood Centers is committed to seeing that your donation is utilized to its fullest extent.

Resource Sharing allows LifeShare to maintain a lower processing fee which results in a reduction of your health care costs. We can do this only as a result of the generosity and commitment of our donors.

Resource Sharing is a "good neighbor policy" adopted by LifeShare Blood Centers Board of Trustees in May 1991.

