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Sgt. "Pineapple" Gets "Go-Go Juice"

POLICE OFFICERS LIVE ACTIVE LIVES, SO IT WASN'T a big deal when Patrick Chambers felt a pain in his right arm. He thought it was a pulled or strained muscle. As the pain worsened, he could feel a knot on the triceps muscle. The Bossier City police officer decided it was time to visit the orthopedist; after all, that's where one goes for those kinds of problems, right?

An MRI was performed on the arm, then a needle biopsy of the knot. The results changed Patrick's life. He was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, a fast-growing cancer of the soft tissue. To make matters worse, he was told he would probably lose his right arm to the disease. Aggressive treatment was recommended, including chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery.

Sgt. Patrick (Pat) Chambers is a shift supervisor at the Bossier City Police Department and a retiree of the United States Air Force. A native of Maui, Hawaii, he's affectionately known as "Pineapple", a nickname given by his co-workers. Family, friends, fellow officers, and citizens all agree that "Pineapple" is the go-to man when someone needs help.

Now it was time for people to come to Pat's aid. Pat and his fiancée, Annette Ansley, headed to M.D. Anderson Medical Center in Houston in March of 2006 to begin Pat's treatment. When they were told Pat would be there for several months, they immediately set out to find an apartment. A one-bedroom apartment cost over \$1000 a month, placing a strain on the family budget. The Bossier City Police Department's union stepped forward to pay the rent in full each month. Then, Kingwood Church of Christ in Houston stepped in to pay half the rent. Pat was reaping the reward of sowing a lifetime in service to others.

"People I've never met have called me to wish me well," says Pat, obviously touched by the kindness. Annette adds, "I can't say enough about how wonderful the police department has been to him, with cards, letters, emails."

One letter came from a young man Pat had arrested. The man wrote the letter from jail and asked the Bossier City Police Department to deliver it to Pat. The message was one of concern and respect, telling Pat that his own father had died of

Curry Baker, the teenage son of a co-worker, presented his drawing to Sgt. "Pineapple" at a luau celebrating Pat's release from the hospital.



Sgt. Patrick (Pat) Chambers, affectionately known as "Pineapple," is pictured with his daughter and blood drive organizer, Tammy Chambers.


cancer. The concerned inmate expressed his admiration for Pat as a police officer and a person.

Another letter came from a co-worker who as a child had leukemia and relapsed three times. The poignant letter offered encouragement, prayers and hope.

Daughter Tammy worked with the Bossier City Police Department to organize blood drives for her father. "I just wanted him to be okay. Being a police officer, he's helped people so much. Now, I wanted people to help him," said Tammy. And help they did. Police officers, friends, family, and citizens turned out to donate for their beloved Pineapple.

"You can't feel cancer. You feel the effects of cancer and the side effects of treatment," said Pat. When strong chemo treatment was begun, pain relief occurred almost immediately. As with many chemotherapy patients, Pat needed blood transfusions. He refers to the 18 units of red cells and 4 units of platelets he received as his "go-go juice." "Until you get a blood transfusion, you feel so weak you can hardly move," he explains. "I felt so good after one transfusion that I drove home from Houston. Before the transfusions, I couldn't walk. Transfusions were great, a real boost!"

After chemo and radiation therapies, surgery was performed on Pat's arm on November 3rd, when doctors removed the tumor. Pat reports he has completed chemo and the latest pathology report states he is currently cancer-free. "The odds are on my side now for the cancer not returning," a relieved Pat says.

Pat didn't grow up in Bossier City, but he retired from the military there and feels his roots are there. "Now I'm recuperating, going through physical therapy to get back in shape to return to work. I'm looking forward to getting back to full duty with the Bossier City Police Department. I've worked hard to keep our streets safe and look forward to doing that again." Pat says passionately, "It gives me a good feeling inside when someone tells me I'm doing a good job and they feel safe here." 



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MARGARET E. WALLACE,
LIFE SHARE PRESIDENT
AND CEO

LIFE SHARE is ending 2006 with excitement and anticipation. With the continued growth of the LifeShare community, 2007 will bring better ways of serving patients and donors. A brief review of 2006 events includes:

- Shreveport selected as the only blood center in the nation to pilot a new automated collection procedure and software on ALYX, a machine for collecting double red cells manufactured by Baxter.
- Beaumont named the nation's leader in utilizing TRIMA for collecting double red cells on mobile blood drives. TRIMA is an automated collections machine manufactured by Gambro.
- Newly developed technology utilizing bead-chip genotyping from BioArray Solutions. This DNA equipment assists in identifying blood donors with special traits that can help patients who have developed antibodies due to multiple transfusions.
- Funding to support minority blood recruitment and blood compatibility studies. LifeShare has received notification of funding from BioArray Solutions and the Foundation for America's Blood Centers to educate the public and increase blood donations from minorities, who often times are the best donors to help hard-to-match patients, in particular African-Americans.
- Completing construction on LifeShare's first "from the ground up" facility located in Alexandria. The state-of-the-art facility located at North Mall Drive is double the size of the previous location. This larger facility enables the Central Region of LifeShare to better meet the increasing demand for blood in central Louisiana while providing comfort and convenience to donors.
- Installing videoconferencing equipment to improve communication capabilities, increase efficiencies, lower costs and allow for face-to-face meetings whenever the need arises. Satellite phones and Ham radios were also purchased for use during catastrophic emergencies.

Along with these exciting new developments and activities at LifeShare, we also are facing a difficult task – getting enough donations to meet LifeShare's patient demand for blood components. This demand soared to a sustained 11% increase as compared to the average 3% increase a year ago. More donors are needed to sustain this level of increase.

LifeShare has much to look forward to in 2007 and much work to do. As a supporter of LifeShare, your continued commitment is needed now more than ever. If you are a blood donor, please make a resolution to commit to give at least one more time in 2007 than in 2006. If you are a Blood Drive Chairman, please make a resolution to educate and motivate your coworkers or members to donate at least once more than last year. If your preference is to support LifeShare's mission through other means, please consider investing in your community blood center by making a financial contribution using the envelope included in this issue.

Regardless of the path you take in supporting LifeShare, be assured that your participation contributes to saving lives. On behalf of LifeShare and the many lives you help save, thank you!

Best wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season and a blessed 2007. *Together, we save lives.* 

Hereditary Hemochromatosis No Longer Automatic Deferral

"There's absolutely nothing wrong with the blood drawn from those with hereditary hemochromatosis (HH)," explains Dr. Gary Levy, LifeShare Medical Director. "We find that many individuals with HH are frustrated that we have not been able to use their blood to help save lives. Now we can address that well-founded frustration and help patients at the same time."

Hereditary hemochromatosis is an inherited disorder of iron metabolism. The disorder results in the body absorbing too much iron from the diet, then depositing the excess iron in the body tissues. The excess iron can lead to damage of many organs, especially the liver and heart. Red blood cells are removed through the phlebotomy process to reduce the body's iron to an acceptable level.

If the individual with HH meets the normal

criteria for blood donation, their blood may be used for transfusion. Participation as a donor is strictly voluntary; however, the charge for therapeutic phlebotomy has been eliminated, whether or not the HH individual chooses to be a donor. The regulation change is especially important as patient demand for blood components continues to increase.

Dr. Levy stresses HH is an inherited disorder that cannot be transmitted to others through transfusion. "When the blood is determined suitable for transfusion, then it is made available for patient use. If the blood is found unsuitable, it will not be used. This is normal procedure for every blood component from every donor."

For more information contact the LifeShare facility nearest you or visit the website at:

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SHREVEPORT

“Draw” Poll Sparks Political Interest

Instead of the traditional political straw poll, Shreveport recruiters indulged in a little word play, coming up with a “draw” poll, asking blood donors to participate in an informal vote on November 3, 2006 for candidates in the Shreveport Mayoral race.

Candidates Cedric Glover and Jerry Jones made appearances at the Shreveport Center on the morning of the draw poll, visiting with donors and staff while pledging support for LifeShare. Local media provided broad exposure to LifeShare’s need for blood donors through television, radio and newspaper. Over 39 draw poll votes were cast.

In the final tally of LifeShare’s “draw” poll, candidate Jones edged out Glover by a small margin. In the actual vote held November 7, 2006, candidate Glover turned the tables and became Shreveport’s Mayor elect.



Before he was Mayor elect, Cedric Glover posed with Apheresis Technicians, Sandra Daniels and Angie Bruns, during the “draw” poll.



Congratulations to Willie Thomas who received her 4 Gallon Mug in recognition of 32 blood donations. Wendi Stanley the drive chairperson at Louisiana State University-Shreveport presented the mug to Willie, who is on the dietician staff at LSUS.

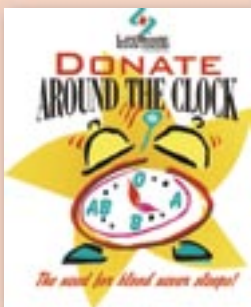


An estimated 25,000 people attended the Louisiana Boardwalk Halloween celebration. Costumed LifeShare employees provided treat bags for the children, while 24 adults donated blood during the event on the LifeShare donor coach.

Blood donor, Emmett Wyche, Jr., prepares for his lifesaving blood donation after church at Benton United Methodist. Donor tech, April Vakarietis cared for donors while donor coach driver, Jim Morris, (not pictured) pulled double duty by serving as drive chairperson for his church too.



ALEXANDRIA



Over 250 donors shared the gift of life during a 24 hour blood drive held in Alexandria. It was the first annual Donate Around the Clock blood drive held October 27 and 28, 2006. Many Central Louisiana businesses participated by sponsoring the event, offering door prizes or scheduling employees to donate blood.



Phoenix Magnet Elementary School students and parents helped recruit blood donors using homemade signs on the roadside during the event.

Also roadside were LifeShare Alexandria’s Quality Assurance Coordinator, Pam Vickery, as the blood drop and the mascot from Rooster’s Feed Store. Now, that’s something to crow about!



The Beta Club at Phoenix Magnet chose LifeShare’s Volunteer Blood Donor Program as one of their service projects. They helped by recruiting donors throughout the school year at the Alexandria Mall site. During the 24 hour blood drive, the Beta Club members painted their faces with inspiring Give Blood messages.

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BATON ROUGE

Baton Rouge Firefighters Fight Back a Blood Shortage



Firefighters Thomas Mitchell and Mark Gilbeau are the first blood donors to donate blood during the Fire Prevention Week competition between Baton Rouge fire houses.

The first annual Fire Fighters blood drive competition was held by Local 557 in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. A total of 147 units were drawn with Fire House #12 taking the competition trophy for donating 78 units of blood. Event supporters included Baton Rouge General Medical Center's Burn Unit, Manda's Fine Meats, Domino's Pizza, DeAngelo's Pizza, Capital City Grill, and Sports Connection.



Baton Rouge Donor Recruiter Shanetta Edwards sports the blood drop costume while Donor Tech Kevin Bueche holds the sign announcing the firefighter's blood drive.



Fake blood was a big hit at the Annual Community Boo Festival in Baton Rouge. LifeShare-Baton

Rouge employees concoct a corn syrup and red food dye mixture to create the ghastly goo. While the kids stood in line to make their treat, discussions about real blood were raised as parents collected information sheets about donating blood. Approximately 1000 visitors participated in the event sponsored by Baton Rouge General Medical Center.

BEAUMONT

The 4th annual BASF & TOTAL "Miracle Match for Life" (MMFL) golf tournament was a huge success raising more than \$97,000. Over 83 teams participated with area vendors donating food, beverages, golf items and volunteer workers. The proceeds benefit LifeShare Blood Centers, the Julie Rogers Gift of Life program, and the Gulf Coast Marrow Donor Program. Through the MMFL partnership, these three organizations provide education on the need for minority blood, marrow donations and cancer screenings. The BASF & TOTAL "Miracle Match for Life" has raised over \$350,000 in four years to benefit these local organizations. Southern Region Executive Director Debbie Madar is pictured with Regina Rogers of the Gift of Life Program and Becky McCullough of the Gulf Coast Marrow Donor Program. These three organizations want to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers for helping to make this event a huge success. Many lives will be saved because of you.



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LAKE CHARLES



Characters abound at LifeShare-Lake Charles as employees get into the spirit of Halloween. Scary bunch!



The three WalMart stores of Lake Charles competed in the 1st Annual "Christmas in August" blood drive competition. The store that collected the most units of blood gets the bragging rights along with a revolving plaque and a \$50 dollar Outback Steakhouse gift card. The WalMart on Highway 14 was the big winner – thanks in part to their refreshment wagon and supportive associates. Pictured are some of the WalMart Hwy 14 associates in the refreshment wagon. Drive Chairs Wanda Grey and Troy Miller accept the plaque and gift card from Nikki Buxton, Lake Charles Recruiter. Thanks to all Lake Charles area WalMart associates and managers for making the competition something to celebrate.



Striking machinists kept their commitment to give blood. The International Association of Machinist (IAM) Local 470 was on strike when the regular blood drive was scheduled at their PPG plant earlier in the year, but that did not keep the members from donating blood. The association members participated at the Marshland Festival held at the Lake Charles Civic Center donating 80 units of lifesaving blood.

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MONROE



Special Thanks to the University of Louisiana-Monroe



The opening of a new H-E-B store in Beaumont, Texas was an exciting event. At the store's grand opening a live TV remote was conducted KFDM-TV and LifeShare-Beaumont staff recruited shoppers to give blood. The event collected 90 units of blood for patients. Pictured above is LifeShare's blood drop welcoming shoppers to the new 125,000 square foot H-E-B store while Southern Region Executive Director Debbie Madar speaks with KFDM reporters Dan Gresham and Kelli Adkins.



In late October ULM's baseball team wrapped up a long-standing tradition, the intra-squad Maroon and Gold playoff. The Warhawks split the baseball team in half to form a "Blood Series." The challenge stated the losers would have to donate blood. The "Blood Series" ended in a 2-2 tie, so LifeShare and the patients we serve became the real winners. The Warhawks decided to pull together and give blood as a team. Over 30 ULM Warhawks stepped to the plate and donated blood, the gift of life. Now that's what we call team spirit! Thanks Warhawks for a perfect ending to baseball season.



University of Louisiana-Monroe baseball players fill the donor beds at LifeShare giving blood after a 2-2 tie in the season's finale known as the "Blood Series." Donor Tech Mindy Ellis collects the blood for LifeShare.

Fraternity brothers at ULM recruit blood donors in memory of Jake Owen Raborn

In November, Delta Sigma Phi fraternity sponsored a two-day memorial blood drive honoring young Jake Owen Raborn, a 4 year old West Monroe child who lost his long fought battle with cancer. Jake became an iconic figure in the Twin Cities for his strength, spirit of will and determination against the disease that challenged him for more than half his life. Jake used many blood products during his battle and many supportive area residents gave blood on his behalf. Realizing there is another Jake somewhere, Delta Sigma Phi proposed giving blood in Jake's memory for the Jakes they don't even know. Sixty-eight units of blood were collected in those two days...what a great way to honor such a special little boy!



Jake Owen Raborn
December 31, 2003 -
October 5, 2006



The oil rig workers of Brandt/NOV contributed 54 blood donations over three blood drives held in September and October. The guys were busy working offshore and donated in groups once they were back on dry land. Brandt/NOV is located in Lake Arthur, LA. Pictured are Brandt/NOV donors Louis Prejean, Albert Crader, Lake Charles Recruiter Nikki Buxton and Drive Chair Don Gauthier.



Louisiana State Senator Robert Barham joined LifeShare's Resource Development Coordinator Daphne Terral for an America's Blood Centers sponsored webinar. A webinar is conducted over the internet with a conference call allowing organizations to participation from all over the nation. Senator Barham and Daphne were presenters for the webinar entitled Finding Capitol in the Capitals. LifeShare was invited to participate since it received over \$750,000 in state funding through the Capital Outlay program for a new Monroe facility.

Employee Contribution Campaign

The following LifeShare Blood Centers employees are participating in the organization's annual Employee Contribution Campaign. The financial contributions from our employees support the various funding needs throughout the LifeShare system. Thank you to those who participate and to those who wish to remain anonymous.

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Thank You To LifeShare Contributors

Congratulations to the LifeShare employees of Baton Rouge!

The Baton Rouge facility has been in operation for just over a year and this fall, 100% of their employee base participated in the organization's annual Employee Contribution Campaign. In honor of this milestone, the employees were given a certificate to recognize their achievement – 100% participation. Pictured at the award presentation are LifeShare employees (front to back) Lynn Thomas, Marguerite Allen, Shanetta Edwards, Linda Allsup, Tracey Mabrey and Denny Moore.



LifeShare Philanthropist Wins Award



Kitty DeGree (left) with Kitty DeGree Foundation board member Cindy Rogers accepting the award for Philanthropic Foundation of the Year.

THE KITTY DEGREE FOUNDATION of Monroe was named The Philanthropic Foundation of the Year by the north Louisiana chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. This honor was bestowed on Ms. DeGree at the annual luncheon in Shreveport recognizing some of the state's most supportive philanthropists. Ms. DeGree has a long history of philanthropy that includes education, health, and issues concerning senior citizens. The Kitty DeGree Foundation has generously provided funding for the LifeShare-Monroe facility. In 2000, the Foundation issued a matching grant challenge to leverage contributions during Monroe's capital campaign to relocate and expand its facility. Last year, the Foundation responded by purchasing additional platelet storage equipment after the devastating effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Ms. DeGree underwent emergency surgery for a fractured hip earlier this year and received three units of blood. She remains very grateful to those who donated blood because it was available when she needed it. LifeShare congratulates Ms. DeGree on her generous, longstanding contributions to our community and to Life.


TOGETHER, We Save Lives...

On the eve of LifeShare Blood Centers' 65th Anniversary, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to.

Thanks to the dedication of donors, volunteers, contributors, and staff, LifeShare has many accomplishments, all of which focus on our mission of providing blood components and related services to the patients in our communities.

- In 2006, over 6,970 mobile blood drives were conducted.
- Of the 220,000 units of blood components drawn in fiscal year 2006, 18% were collected through automated collections procedures, a more efficient and effective method of providing patient needs.
- As the demand for transfusion therapies continues to grow, specialized nursing staff and specialized blood processing procedures are required to meet the patients' specific blood component needs.
- A minimum of 13 tests is conducted on each unit of donated blood to help ensure the safety, purity and potency of the blood products.
- Additional genetic testing is performed as LifeShare strives to provide the most compatible blood possible for patients with rare blood traits.

As you consider your year-end charitable gifts, we ask you to consider investing in your community blood center by making a contribution to LifeShare Blood Centers. With your investment, everyone benefits with expanded and improved services to save lives. Remember, LifeShare is a 501(c)(3) organization, so all or part of your contribution may be tax deductible. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your investment today.

With your support, as we have since 1942, LifeShare will continue its tradition of saving lives in the communities we serve. Lives have been saved because of your commitment. Thank you! 

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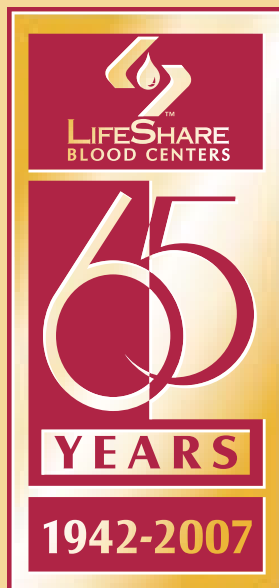
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Video cameras captured a LifeShare laboratory technician conducting routine procedures on sophisticated, high tech equipment during the taping of the 65th Anniversary DVD.