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The Five Points of Life Foundation commits to increasing lifesaving donations through leadership in education, partnerships, awareness and advocacy on the five ways to share life: blood, apheresis, bone marrow, cord blood and organs and tissues.



Annually, we teach more than 25,000 students about blood donation because:

- Every two seconds somebody needs a blood transfusion.
- Only 10 percent of those eligible to donate blood do so regularly.
- Blood cannot be made artificially. It must be given by a lifesaving donor.



We teach students about blood components and the apheresis process because:

- Platelets are used for cancer patients and heart surgery.
- Plasma helps trauma and burn patients, transplant recipients and patients with clotting disorders.
- Platelets only last five days, so donations are always needed.



We partner with LifeSouth's cord blood bank to build awareness because:

- Cord blood can be used to treat more than 80 diseases.
- Cord blood doesn't need to match as closely as bone marrow, making it easier to find a match.
- More people would donate cord blood if they knew it was free, painless and saves lives.



We register potential marrow donors at all Five Points of Life events because:

- Bone marrow and stem cells are used to treat more than 30,000 patients each year.
- Bone marrow transfusions can treat many diseases, including cancer.
- 70 percent of patients have no donor match in their family.



We educate high school students on organ and tissue donation because:

- 120,000 people in the U.S. are waiting for an organ transplant.
- 30 people in the U.S. die each day waiting for a transplant.
- Bringing attention to the need for organ and tissue donation increases the number of available donors.