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MGM Resorts International, News 3, the CW Las Vegas and iHeartMedia join the Red Cross to host first community blood drive at T-Mobile Arena

Las Vegas urged to make a lifesaving donation as part of the Red Cross Centennial Celebration Feb. 27

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 13, 2017) — It's a safe bet that donating blood can help save lives. The [American Red Cross](#) is wagering that the Las Vegas community will answer the need.

[MGM Resorts International](#), [News 3](#), the [CW Las Vegas](#) and iHeartMedia ([Sunny 106.5](#) and [93.1 The Mountain](#)) are partnering to host a blood drive Monday, Feb. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., at [T-Mobile Arena](#), located west of the Las Vegas Strip between New York-New York and Monte Carlo, at 3780 South Las Vegas Blvd.

The Red Cross needs to collect more than 165 blood products each day to meet the needs of Henderson and Las Vegas Valley hospitals. Patients rely on volunteer donors as the only source of blood for those in need of lifesaving blood transfusions. Blood collected at this drive can help ensure cancer patients, trauma victims, surgery patients and others have the blood products needed.

“Our 50,000-plus employees in southern Nevada are an integral part of the community,” said Jim Murren, chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International. “Donating blood is the essential gift of life and part of the core mission of the Red Cross. We are proud to support such an important community partner, especially as the Red Cross celebrates 100 years of service in Nevada.”

As a thank you, those who come to give blood will receive one free admission voucher to [BODIES...The Exhibition](#) inside Luxor Hotel and Casino, while supplies last, and be entered into a drawing to win a VIP package featuring two tickets to see George Strait in concert April 9 or 10 at T-Mobile Arena.* Free parking will be available to blood drive participants at the New York-New York Hotel and Casino fourth floor self-parking garage, with access off Frank Sinatra Drive.

“We expect the blood drive to be an entertaining and successful event with special giveaways and appearances by Las Vegas performers,” said Liz Kahane, Las Vegas account manager for the Red Cross Lewis and Clark Blood Services Region. “This drive also is responding to a very vital need — the need for blood and ensuring its availability to patients. We are grateful to MGM Resorts International, T-Mobile Arena and our media partners – News 3, the CW Las Vegas, Sunny 106.5 and 93.1 The Mountain – for their support of the Red Cross and our lifesaving mission.”

Not only will this drive help ensure blood is available for hospital patients, but it also commemorates a century of the Red Cross serving Southern Nevada. In addition to this blood drive, the Red Cross will offer a number of community events throughout the year as part of the Centennial Celebration. Those interested in learning more about events can visit the [website](#).

Blood donors with all types are urged to make an appointment to give at the T-Mobile Arena blood drive. Blood donation appointments can be scheduled by using the sponsor code **tmobilearena** through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Blood drive attendees are invited to join the conversation on Twitter by tagging @TMobileArena, @RedCrossBloodLC and @snvredcross and by using the hashtag #TMABloodDrive.

Blood donors also can save time by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

How to donate blood

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

About MGM Resorts International

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About T-Mobile Arena

T-Mobile Arena, the new 20,000-seat venue located on the Las Vegas Strip between New York-New York and Monte Carlo, opened April 6, 2016. The arena will host more than 100 events annually including major headline entertainment, awards shows, UFC, boxing, basketball and other sporting events, family shows and special events. T-Mobile Arena will welcome a National Hockey League expansion team in the fall of 2017 – Las Vegas' first professional sports team. The city's newest landmark features 50 luxury suites, more than two dozen private loge boxes, complete broadcast facilities, and other specially designed exclusive hospitality offerings and fan amenities destined to create a guest experience second to none. Toshiba Plaza, an adjacent two-acre outdoor entertainment space, features performance stages, a variety of video screens and other interactive content and display areas. Industry-leading architect Populous designed T-Mobile Arena to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's standards for LEED® Gold Certification. T-Mobile Arena is a privately funded joint venture between AEG and MGM Resorts

International (NYSE: MGM). For more information, visit the T-Mobile Arena website at www.t-mobilearena.com.

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