

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 3, 2022

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: YOUTH AMBASSADOR SERVICE PROJECT

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: YES: _____ NO: X

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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY: SERVICE PROJECT PRESENTATION FROM YOUTH AMBASSADOR, BRANDON SORENSEN

ATTACHMENTS:

Youth Ambassador Service Report

Brandon Sorensen



**American
Red Cross**

169 Units

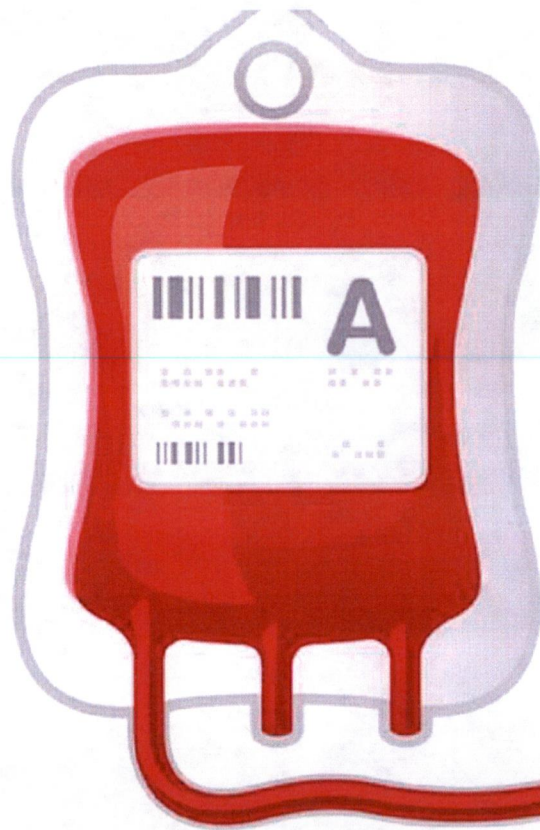
1 unit x 3 Patients

607 Lives

65 - First Time Donors

3% of Utah's Population Donates





American Red Cross Blood Drive

Save a Life, Give Blood

Good Evening Council,

- As you know one of the duties of a Youth Ambassador is to create and commence a service project. I am one to strongly believe in not doing something unless you believe in it.

- So, for my service project, I chose to partner with the American Red Cross.

An organization founded on May 21, 1881 whose mission is to “prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.”

- Generosity is the word that stuck out to me the most from that. Due to how adaptable it can be to accommodate all types of people. Though the foundation of generosity starts from an act, and the act pertinent to my service project, is the donation of blood.

- One of the reasons that I wanted to do a blood drive is the fact that anyone has the possibility to donate.

- I have hosted 3 American Red Cross Blood drives, two at Taylorsville High School during November of 2021 and February of 2022, and the other remaining one at Taylorsville City Hall, here in this very council chambers during May of 2022.

- Some of my reasoning to hosting a blood drive rather than other donation type service projects is due to the cost factor. It is free to donate blood.

- I know that Taylorsville High is not one of the highest income High schools, the people there have a high drive to help others. For some it may not be as convenient to donate money or goods.

With a blood drive, one may simply sign their name on a sheet and then on the day of the drive, donate 1 Pint of their own blood.

- For comparison, the average adult has around 10 pints of blood in their body. That 1 Pint of blood will take an average of 48 hours to replenish.
- At the high school, the week before the drive, I had student volunteers man a table at lunch taking signups for the drive. I was elated with the overwhelming amount of donors we received. That due to the good nature of Taylorsville High Students and the fact the drive was during school, and they would be able to miss class.
- On the day of the drive, I arrived at the school at 6:30 to help setup. The drive itself went on from 7:00 AM to 2:30 p.m. Once we opened the doors there was never a second where there was not a line of students waiting for their appt.
- One heartbreaking moment, was we had so many signups that the Red Cross was not equipped to handle them all and we at points had to turn people away. After such an amazing turn out and the Red Cross saying we had one, if not the most successful blood drive in the state, I wanted to host another one.
- A special moment from the 2nd drive was while we were taking signups at lunch a mom had walked by our table, and she wanted to say thank you to me. I thought she was just a fan of the idea and was being just a jolly mom. Though, after further talking she exclaimed her son today would not be alive without blood donations. After further talking, it turns out I knew her son.
- My original goal was to have a collection of students, and community members, though since the drives at the high school were so full, I wanted to host one strictly for the community.
- I came into City Hall during a school day and helped set up and manage

the blood drive for the day. While they had it under control I sat in an office and completed all my course works for the day.

- In total my three drives collected **169 Units of blood, 65** of which were **"First Time Donors" 1 unit can impact 3 patients** which equals **607 Patients or lives.**

- Though the ultimate goal is for the **"LifeTime Donors"** since only **3% of our state donates**, And it is up to people to support our hospitals and keep them operating. The time to give blood is now, and by doing that you will save a life. Thank you!.