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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 visitredcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Saint Louis

7/17/2015: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Shiloh Temple COGIC, 4100 Washington Blvd

7/22/2015: 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., St Louis Public Radio 90.7 KWMU, 3651 Olive Street

7/28/2015: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Peabody Plaza, 701 Market Street

7/28/2015: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., Youth and Family Center, 818 Cass Avenue

7/29/2015: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jones Lang LaSalle, 1 Metropolitan Square, 211 North Broadway

7/31/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 5020 Rhodes

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7/28/2015: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m., St John's Lutheran Church, 950 S. State Hwy 47

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at checkin. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), 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 visitredcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.