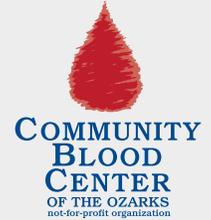




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Celebrating the lifesaving potential of type O-Negative blood donors and AB Plasma donors

March 2017

Mighty Mia Receives Blood and Platelets During Leukemia Treatment

Just before her third birthday, Mia Dalton was diagnosed with high-risk B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Much of her treatment has taken place at The St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at Mercy Children's Hospital in Springfield, which is one of CBCO's partner hospitals. Mia has needed several blood and platelet transfusions, with many of them coming from generous CBCO donors.

The Dalton family, of Kirbyville, MO, celebrated Mia going into remission after just 30 days of treatment, but learned that she faced two years of chemotherapy to prevent the cancer from returning.

She just went through a rough patch in March due to liver problems. "The same chemo that saved her life, and will hopefully keep the cancer from coming back, is the same chemo that is destroying her organs," said Mia's mother, Jessica Dalton. This time, Mia spent three weeks in the hospital (her longest stretch has been six weeks and two days). She was even airlifted to St. Louis Children's Hospital because Springfield did not have a pediatric liver specialist.

More whole blood and platelet transfusions were necessary, both in Springfield and St. Louis, bringing Mia's current total to 19 blood transfusions and 25 platelet transfusions. Thankfully, March 11, 2017, was the last time she needed a transfusion.

March 24 was Mia's birthday, and things are going well for this four-year-old. The liver problems are currently under control and she has returned home from the hospital. Now she is in maintenance, continuing oral chemotherapy, taking on physical therapy, and preparing for preschool. Her family anticipates treatment ending around July 2018.

"People don't realize that she depends on those donations to survive," said Jessica. "She would have died without them."

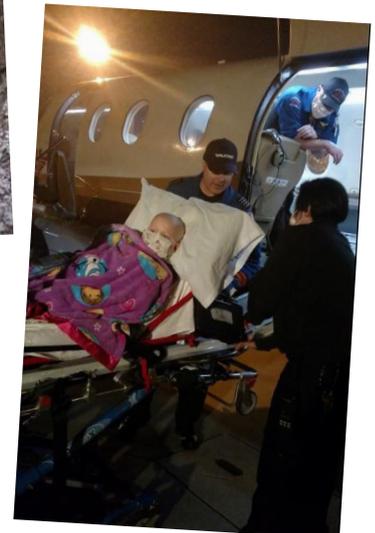
Thank you, CBCO donors! Time that you spent giving blood and platelets has given this little girl a chance. To stay updated on Mia's progress, click [HERE](#) to visit Mighty Mia's Big Adventure on Facebook.



Mia one year ago, just prior to her diagnosis.



Mia turned 4 on March 24.



Being airlifted from Springfield to St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Photos courtesy of Dalton family.

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Save the Date!

Friday, October 6, 2017, is the date for our annual banquet held in honor of Universal Donors, held at Bass Pro Shops' White River Room in Springfield, MO. O-Negative donors who make at least four donations during the last fiscal year, and AB plasma donors who make at least six donations during the fiscal year will receive an invitation in the mail in September. It's our way to thank those of you who go above and beyond in order to make sure that local hospital patients have access to the blood products they need during treatment.

REMEMBER: You have until June 30, 2017, to reach your donation goals in order to be invited, along with a guest, to this event.

Want to check your progress and schedule another appointment? Log in to your account on our donor portal by clicking [HERE](#). Or you may call Kristy Mosley at 417-227-5006 for assistance.

Promotions & Events

Sunday, April 16

CBCO's Thomson Donor Center will be open during regular hours Easter Sunday (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) for Apheresis collection only.

Saturday, April 29

Bring any documents that need to be shredded to CBCO's Thomson Donor Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and we'll shred them free of charge. While you're here, donate blood and receive a CBCO tumbler.



Saturday, May 20

Stomp the Blues Out of Homelessness concert in Thomson Donor Center parking lot. Our donor center will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Friday, May 26

Holiday Hero Blood Drive – First of 2 sign-up opportunities. Donor centers only. Commit to 3 donations during specific dates. Complete all 3 and get 3,000 bonus LifePoints.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day – All CBCO donor centers and mobile blood drives will be closed.



Thursday, June 1 – Monday, July 31

It's Summer T-shirt season! Participants at all CBCO donor centers and mobile blood drives receive CBCO's limited edition Summer T-shirt.

Tuesday, June 6

Bleed Blue – Our 10th annual Bleed Blue blood drive at our Bentonville and Springdale donor centers, with prizes, baseball park food, and Arkansas Naturals T-shirts.



Monday, June 12 – Sunday, July 9

Salute a Veteran blood drive at all CBCO donor centers and mobile blood drives. Free summer T-shirt for all participants.

Thursday, June 29 & Friday, June 30

Holiday Hero Blood Drive – Second of 2 sign-up opportunities. Donor centers only. Commit to 3 donations during specific dates. Complete all 3 and get 3,000 bonus LifePoints.

Monday, July 3

Movie Mania Blood Drive – Participants receive 1 Fandango movie ticket. Donor centers only.

Tuesday, July 4

All donor centers and mobile blood drives are closed to observe Independence Day.

Monday, July 10 – Tuesday, July 11

13th annual Bleed Red blood drive at Springfield and Joplin donor centers. Prizes, free baseball park food, and free Springfield Cardinals T-shirt for all participants.

