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## **Gulf Coast Blood Honors Community Hero Edward Commender for 100-Gallon Blood Donation Milestone**

**THE WOODLANDS, Texas** — Gulf Coast Blood proudly honored longtime donor Edward Commender recently for achieving an extraordinary milestone: donating 100 gallons of blood over the course of his lifetime.

Donating 100 gallons of blood is a rare and remarkable accomplishment. Through his decades of commitment, Mr. Commender has helped save an estimated 2,412 lives, providing lifesaving blood to patients across the region.



“Edward Commender represents the very best of our donor community,” said Kevin Shipley, Associate Vice President of Community Engagement at Gulf Coast Blood. “His generosity, consistency, and compassion have helped save thousands of lives. We’re incredibly grateful for his commitment and proud to honor him as a true community hero.”

To commemorate the milestone, Mr. Commender was recognized by Gulf Coast Blood staff and presented with a 100-gallon milestone mug, along with a recognition letter from Gulf Coast Blood President and CEO Nikhil Nayak. Staff members gathered to celebrate his

dedication and to thank him for the profound impact he has made on countless families and hospital patients.



Interviews and B-roll from the 100-gallon celebration at Gulf Coast Blood – The Woodlands is available here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qvLGLoZniQ5LLemjxccwJpgqqtWnTVh?usp=sharing>

For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org).

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#### ***About Gulf Coast Blood***

*Gulf Coast Blood is the sole provider of blood and blood products to Houston and surrounding communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As one of the largest community blood centers in the United States, we serve more than 170 hospitals and healthcare facilities across 26 counties in the Texas Gulf Coast, Brazos Valley, and East Texas regions. Our network includes Gulf Coast Blood East Texas and Gulf Coast Blood Brazos Valley, ensuring patients throughout our service area have access to lifesaving blood when it's needed most.*