

Gulf Coast Blood Unveils New Donor Center, Expands to Support Medical Research

HOUSTON, Texas — Gulf Coast Blood marked a double milestone with the unveiling of a state-of-the-art donor center in Houston's Medical Center and the launch of an expanded program to support medical research through specialized donations.

The new donor center features next-generation technology, comfortable and modern donation stations, and calming design elements to enhance every donor's experience.

At the same time, Gulf Coast Blood's expanded research support program will partner with biotech, pharmaceutical, and academic institutions, leveraging donated blood to fuel studies that spark medical innovation and improve patient outcomes.

As part of Friday's celebration, a representative from Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's office presented a commemorative proclamation, officially declaring August 15th "Gulf Coast Blood Day" in Harris County.

"This expansion represents the next chapter in how we serve our communities," said Nikhil Nayak, President and CEO of Gulf Coast Blood. "Every donation here will help save lives today while also contributing to innovations that can change the future of healthcare."

Gulf Coast Blood invites new and returning donors to be part of this next chapter in lifesaving care. Schedule your appointment at giveblood.org.

About Gulf Coast Blood

Founded in 1975, Gulf Coast Blood is one of the largest community blood centers in the U.S., serving 170 hospitals across 26 counties. Based in Houston, it supports the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex, and operates 18 donor centers and more than 7,000 mobile blood drives annually. GCB provides high-quality human cellular material for scientific and therapeutic use, and is an independent nonprofit accredited by the FDA. Its mission is to help save and sustain lives by providing a safe supply of blood, biotherapies, and related services.



Caption 1:

Gulf Coast Blood President and CEO Nikhil Nayak and Chief Growth Officer Theresa Pina join board members and community partners at Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the new donor center in Houston's Texas Medical Center.



Caption 2:

Nikhil Nayak, President and CEO of Gulf Coast Blood, shares the vision behind expanding the organization's lifesaving mission.



Caption 3:

Chief Growth Officer Theresa Pina shares how donor feedback inspired the design of the new center, an environment built to make every donor feel comfortable and eager to return.



Caption 4:

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo's office presents a proclamation to Gulf Coast Blood, officially declaring August 15 "Gulf Coast Blood Day" in recognition of the organization's positive impact on the community.