





# **Blood Centers Across America Unite to Provide Blood Supplies to Ukraine**

**LAKE ZURICH, III.,** April 18, 2022 – Blood Centers of America (BCA), America's Blood Centers (ABC) and Fresenius Kabi announced today that the three organizations have joined together on a nationwide campaign in the United States to provide needed blood-collection and transfusion supplies to those impacted in Ukraine.

Participating BCA and ABC blood centers across the U.S. will host blood drives and make financial contributions on behalf of individuals who donate blood, platelets or plasma. Additionally, the BCA Foundation is accepting monetary contributions from anyone who is interested in supporting the campaign. The funds raised will go towards providing needed blood collection supplies for the people of Ukraine. To learn more about how to participate please visit BloodSupplies4Ukraine.com.

"We're committed to helping the people of Ukraine," said Dean Gregory, President, Global Commercial Operations, Transfusion Medicine and Cell Therapies at Fresenius Kabi. "In addition to our ongoing work donating medicines and supplies through humanitarian aid organizations, this initiative is bringing together the blood-collection community in the U.S. to support Ukraine. Blood is a critical component of patient care, and we are proud to support this important nationwide campaign."

"Volunteer blood donors selflessly give of themselves every day. Through this program, donors will be able to assist not only patients that depend on a safe and ready blood supply in the U.S., but also the citizens of the Ukraine who are in significant need of critical blood supplies," said Kate Fry, Chief Executive Officer at America's Blood Centers. "ABC is grateful for the collaboration between Fresenius Kabi and community blood centers across the country."

"The war in Ukraine has resulted in unnecessary and great suffering including a severe shortage of blood bags and other blood collection supplies that are essential to the immediate care of patients in Ukraine," said Bill Block, President and CEO of BCA. "Our hope is the collaboration between BCA, ABC and Fresenius Kabi – and the contributions of generous people across America – will help provide relief to those in such great need."

The goal of the campaign is to raise at least \$250,000 and Fresenius Kabi will match all qualifying contributions on a one-to-one basis up to that amount with all proceeds used to purchase and deliver the transfusion items most needed. Fresenius Kabi will match these donations made between April 18, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

### **About Blood Centers of America**

For over 35 years, Blood Centers of America has been connecting its members to top contracts with the nation's most sought after suppliers. Leveraging over \$750 million in purchasing power, they provide their member organizations access to the products and services they use most at lower prices. BCA is more than contracts; they also offer innovative supply chain solutions tailored to their members' unique business needs.

### **About America's Blood Centers**

Founded in 1962, America's Blood Centers is the national organization bringing together community-based, independent blood centers. Its member organizations operate more than 600 blood collection sites providing close to 60 percent of the U.S., and a quarter of the Canadian, blood supply. These blood centers serve more than 150 million people and provide blood products and services to more than 3,500 hospitals and healthcare facilities across North America. All ABC U.S. members are licensed and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. For more information visit www.AmericasBlood.org.

## **About Fresenius Kabi**

Fresenius Kabi (<a href="www.fresenius-kabi.com/us">www.fresenius-kabi.com/us</a>) is a global health care company that specializes in medicines and medical technologies for infusion, transfusion and clinical nutrition. The company's products and services are used to help care for critically and chronically ill patients. The company's U.S. headquarters is in Lake Zurich, Illinois. The company's global headquarters is in Bad Homburg, Germany. For more information about Fresenius Kabi's humanitarian relief efforts for Ukraine, please visit: <a href="https://www.fresenius-kabi.com/news/update-on-humanitarian-aid-for-ukraine">https://www.fresenius-kabi.com/news/update-on-humanitarian-aid-for-ukraine</a>.

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