

## Gulf Coast Regional Media Alert

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## SUGAR LAND SKEETERS HOST BLOOD DRIVE AUG. 16

Donate before the game to receive a free ticket voucher and T-shirt!

WHAT: Help save a life before the Sugar Land Skeeters take on the Camden Riversharks on Saturday, Aug. 16 and you could win an autographed bat or a chance to throw out the first pitch at a future game! The all-day blood drive begins in the exclusive Insperity Club, where donors will have the opportunity to meet the players from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The blood drive continues from 3 to 7 p.m. on a donor coach outside Constellation Field.

All who donate or attempt to donate will receive a voucher for a free Skeeters game ticket, a Commit for Life T-shirt, a gift certificate for a free pint of Blue Bell ice cream, plus be entered for a chance to win a bat autographed by the team and a chance to throw out the first pitch at a future game!

The Skeeters family knows just how important blood donations. Bryce, the son of Skeeters General Manager Chris Jones, was born with a rare blood disorder. He received more than 80 units of blood and a bone marrow transplant. The Skeeters blood drive will help patients like Bryce live full and healthy lives!

The donation process is simple and only takes about one hour. Donors should drink plenty of water and eat a hearty meal prior to giving. For more information, visit giveblood.org.

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 16 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Constellation Field, 1 Stadium Drive, Sugar Land, Texas 77498

To schedule an appointment online, log on to Digital Donor at giveblood.org.

**ABOUT US:** Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is asking its donors to *Commit for Life*. It takes three simple steps: 1) Donate once per quarter; 2) allow The Blood Center to contact you; and 3) spread the word, encouraging others to *Commit for Life*. The Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood components to more than 170 hospitals and health care facilities in a 26-county Texas Gulf Coast region. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Individuals who are 16 years old, at least 122 pounds, in good general health and have parental consent also may be eligible to donate. The donation process is simple, taking only about one hour. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center is an independent, non-profit blood center that is not affiliated with the American Red Cross.

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