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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Blood Drive Held in Honor of Bucks County Resident – Victoria Krzywonos**

*The Red Cross asks you to help save lives by donating blood regularly*

A blood drive is being held on Monday, December 3, 2007 in honor of Victoria Krzywonos of Bucks County, PA. The drive will be held at the Penn del Fire Company- American Legion Hall located at 220 Centre Street in Penn del, PA from 1:30 PM to 7 PM. To make an immediate appointment for this blood drive, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543.) If you can not attend this drive, to find a listing of community blood drives visit [www.pleasegiveblood.org](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org)

Victoria is the victim of a hit and run tragedy. She was hit by a car on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Levittown, PA. “Victoria landed approximately 70 feet from the point of impact,” stated Scott Krzywonos, Victoria’s dad. “Her rescue efforts required many units of blood and I want to host a blood drive for other people that will need blood products in the future.”

Victoria has been in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia since October 14, 2007 after being airlifted to the hospital. Her parents have not left her side and have had to spend their time away from their jobs, bills and regular family activities to aid in her recovery.

“I donate blood whenever I can, but until now I have not been personally affected by the need for blood donations”, said Scott. “Donating blood is an easy process and it is the perfect gift to give this holiday season.”

The Red Cross Penn-Jersey Region serves patients in more than 100 New Jersey and Pennsylvania hospitals. Every 48 hours, these hospitals request more than 2,000 blood products to serve their patients.

Victoria, with the unwavering support of her parents, family and friends, continues through her long and difficult recovery. She is a strong young woman with an amazing drive. Please donate blood in honor of Victoria.

Most healthy people who are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more are eligible to donate every 56 days. Donors can give blood at any one of nearly 200 bloodmobiles sponsored by business and community groups in southeastern Pennsylvania and in New Jersey weekly, or at one of nine community donor centers. To make an immediate appointment for an American Red Cross blood drive this week, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543), or visit [www.pleasegiveblood.org](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org) to find a listing of community blood drives.

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