



## **Blood Bank of Hawaii**

*Give Blood. It's Safe. It's Simple. It Saves Lives.*

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### **BLOOD BANK OF HAWAII ANNOUNCES PLAN TO MOVE PRIMARY DONOR CENTER**

**HONOLULU, January 7, 2015** – Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) announced today at its annual donor recognition event plans to relocate its primary donor center located at 2043 Dillingham Boulevard before rail construction begins this summer. Relocation will be to its existing satellite donor center in Moiliili after it undergoes renovation to accommodate additional donors. Dillingham Donor Center collects 36 percent of the state's blood supply and 100 percent of platelets.

“Our primary focus is to shore up the blood supply so we can continue to meet the blood needs of Hawaii's patients and hospitals,” said Kim-Anh Nguyen, president and CEO of BBH. “We know when construction begins on Dillingham Boulevard, donors won't come in to donate due to traffic, road access and parking issues.”

The BBH satellite donor center, located at 1907 Young Street, will undergo an extensive renovation to accommodate the platelet program and an expanded whole blood program. Construction is expected to take four to five months beginning this quarter. The Young Street Donor Center has convenient parking and will offer an improved donor experience along with expanded hours and days of operation.

“We want to be proactive and reassure the community we are prepared to fulfill our mission of providing a safe and adequate blood supply for the State of Hawaii as we have done for more than seven decades,” added Nguyen.

Meanwhile, BBH is exploring all options including renovation, relocation and mitigation for the remaining critical operational functions -- blood processing, testing and distribution, mobile operations and administration -- currently located at its Dillingham headquarters. All scenarios under consideration must meet federal regulatory compliance requirements and support BBH's 24/7 operations. BBH is looking forward to working with Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) officials to maintain business continuity and fulfill our vital mission when the rail project is expected to impact us in 2015.

### **About Blood Bank of Hawaii**

Founded in 1941, Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) is a non-profit organization committed to providing a safe and adequate supply of blood, blood products and related transfusion services to Hawaii's patients. BBH is licensed and regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, accredited by AABB, and a founding member of America's Blood Centers, the nation's largest network of community-based blood programs. For more information, visit [www.BBH.org](http://www.BBH.org).

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