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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BLOOD BANK OF HAWAII TO BREAK GROUND ON NEW DONOR CENTER**

HONOLULU — Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) will break ground on a two-story, \$4 million donor center slated for construction at 1907 Young Street. A groundbreaking blessing and ceremony will take place this Wednesday, February 16, 8:30 a.m. at the new donor center site.

“We are excited to offer a new, convenient location for donors living in the Makiki and Moiliili communities, and for donors traveling to and from East Oahu,” said President and Medical Director Robyn Yim. “We hope the new donor center will better serve our current donors and encourage new donors to donate blood.”

The new center, slated for completion before the end of the year, will also play a key role in providing an alternate site during a disaster. It will house a duplicate inventory room for supplies and blood products. Together with the Dillingham and Downtown Donor Centers, the Young Street Donor Center will help ensure that Hawaii’s patients are well served in times of need.

The new facility will encompass 8,901 square feet, and feature a new collection center. It will provide much needed office space, and enable Dillingham Donor Center to expand its laboratory to better serve Hawaii’s 19 civilian hospitals.

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Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) is a non-profit organization that provides blood to civilian hospitals throughout the state and has been serving Hawaii's patients since 1941. BBH is committed to providing a safe and adequate supply of blood, blood products and - related transfusion services to the patients of Hawaii. Licensed by the FDA and accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks, BBH is also a 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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