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## New York State Senator Steve Rhoads Hosts Successful Blood Drive in Bethpage

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Senator Rhoads donates Blood at his Blood Drive at the Bethpage Public Library

On the July 31<sup>st</sup> New York Senator Steve Rhoads partnered with the New York Blood Center and the Bethpage Public Library to host a blood drive to benefit our Long Island neighbors in need. Senator Rhoads, his staff, and countless members of the community came out to generously donate blood and show support for people who are in need of blood donations. As a gesture of thanks, all donors received two free Mets tickets for coming out to donate blood. Recently, blood banks across Long Island and throughout the United States are in need of blood. Studies show that 4.5 million Americans need blood transfusions every year - with someone needing blood every two seconds. To actively combat this, Senator Rhoads was happy to host a community blood drive to help save lives and refill our local blood banks. Thanks to the generosity of the community, Senator Rhoads was able to collect enough blood to

save up to 66 lives. If you were not able to attend the blood drive, Senator Rhoads is hosting another blood drive on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm – 7pm at the Merrick Golf Course.

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*“I am incredibly grateful for the support from the local community, Bethpage Public Library, and the New York Blood Center for coming together to help save lives. Every donation of blood is a sign of our residents’ commitment to bettering the community and to helping those in need. By donating blood, you are giving something so precious, and you are making a lasting impact on the lives of others, said Senator Steve Rhoads.*