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Senator Steve Rhoads Teams Up with Assemblyman Dave McDonough for Community Blood Drive in Merrick

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Senator Rhoads, Assemblyman Dave McDonough thank Merrick resident, Keith Presti, for donating blood at their Merrick Blood Drive

New York State Senator Steve Rhoads teamed up with Assemblyman Dave McDonough and the New York Blood Center at the Merrick Golf Course to host a Blood Drive to benefit our Long Island neighbors in need. Senator Rhoads and Assemblyman McDonough were happy to host this Community Blood Drive to help save lives and actively replenish the depleting

local blood banks. According to the Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. With this in mind, the State representatives sprung into action to ensure that blood is fully available for those in need. Thanks to the generosity of the community, Senator Rhoads and Assemblyman McDonough were able to collect enough blood to save up to **111** lives. As a gesture of thanks, all donors received an e-gift card for coming out to donate blood. If you were not able to attend the Blood Drive, Senator Rhoads is partnering with the Wantagh Fire Department to host another blood drive on Tuesday, October 3rd from 1:45pm – 7:45pm at the Wantagh Fire Department on Park Avenue.

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“I am incredibly grateful for the support from the local community for coming together to help save over 100 lives and make this Blood Drive successful. With local blood banks struggling to keep up with the demand for blood, we were happy to roll up our sleeves and make a difference. When you donate blood, you are helping to save a life and make a difference in the world. That feeling of making a difference and giving back to others is priceless,” said Senator Steve Rhoads.

“I am very happy how successful our recent Blood Drive was. Our blood supply is at a critical level and the residents who donated have given the gift of life to so many others,” **said Assemblyman Dave McDonough.**