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Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Kevin Parker Hosts 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive

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**Brooklyn, NY** – State Senator Kevin Parker proudly hosted the 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive in partnership with Sons of a King Lodge #123 on Saturday, September 23. The event, held at Vanderveer Park United Methodist Church, was a resounding success, bringing the community together to support a crucial cause and save countless lives.

"We are honored to have organized such a meaningful event in memory of Edward Swire," said Senator Kevin Parker. "The blood drive's success is a testament to the incredible dedication of community members who understand the importance of giving back. Together, we have made a difference and saved lives."

The 5th Annual Edward Swire Memorial Blood Drive saw an overwhelming response from residents, with a record-breaking number of 38 participants, resulting in 40 life-saving donations. Mark Alexander, Worship Master from Sons of a King Lodge #123, expressed his appreciation for the community's support. "It is through the sweat and tears of the members of any organization that keep it going," said Alexander. "The blood donated at our 5th Annual Edward Swire memorial blood drive will help so many people that are in dire need. This is one of the highest forms of charity."

The event brought together individuals from all lifestyles who recognized the importance of blood donations and understood their potential to save lives. As a result of their combined efforts, the event surpassed previous years in terms of the amount of blood donated to the community's blood supply.

### **About State Senator Kevin Parker**

Senator Kevin S. Parker is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn district comprising sections of Flatbush, East Flatbush, Kensington, Ditmas Park, Midwood, Flatlands, Canarsie, Georgetown, Old Mill Basin, Mill Basin, Marine Park, and Bergen Beach. A lifelong Brooklyn resident, Senator Parker is the Chairman of the Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee and a member of several other Senate committees including Finance, Rules, Banks, Internet and Technology, as well as Budget and Revenue.

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