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## Ranzenhofer Partners with Unyts for Blood Drive at Erie County's Largest Family Health Fair

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Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer will be sponsoring an open-to-the-public blood drive with Unyts– Western New York's only Organ, Eye, Tissue and Community Blood Center– during the 2015 Family Health Fair on Saturday, August 1st from 9 a.m. to noon at the Amherst Senior Center, 370 John James Audubon Parkway.

To schedule an appointment, visit [www.unyts.org](http://www.unyts.org), click the "Donate Blood" icon and enter Sponsor Code 001201 or call Unyts at (716) 512-7940.

"One person needs blood every two seconds. Your blood donation can save up to three lives, helping our family members, friends and neighbors right here in Western New York. I encourage residents to schedule an appointment to help save lives," said Senator Ranzenhofer.

“We are so thankful to be able to call Senator Ranzenhofer a partner in blood donation,” said Mark Simon, Unyts President & CEO. “This is an important commitment that the Senator has made not only to our local hospitals, but to the community as a whole.”

Donors must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors should bring valid photo identification, wear comfortable clothing and drink more fluids than normal before donating on the day of the drive.

Senator Ranzenhofer’s Family Health Fair is co-sponsored by Kaleida Health and the Amherst Senior Center, in conjunction with Assemblyman Raymond Walter and Assemblywoman Jane Corwin. A total of 90 organizations will be offering a wide variety of health information, screenings and services. For more information, visit [ranzenhofer.nysenate.gov](http://ranzenhofer.nysenate.gov) or contact Senator Ranzenhofer’s District Office at (716) 631-8695.

### **About Unyts**

Unyts is among the leading procurement organizations in the United States, and is one of the only eight centers nationwide to house organ, tissue and eye procurement in one location. With the addition of Community Blood Service, Unyts has become the first organization of its kind nationwide. Unyts operates as a non-profit serving the eight counties of Western New York and works to assist donor families, coordinate the donation process and increase knowledge and awareness within the community regarding transplantation.

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