



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

## Senator Stewart-Cousins Donating Blood at Empire City Casino Blood Drive

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Yonkers, NY - Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D/I/WF – 35th District) donated blood at a drive she co-hosted with Empire City Casino, Senator George Latimer, Assemblyman Gary Pretlow and Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer on Wednesday afternoon at the Raceway.

Blood donations collected at the drive helped replenish the New York Blood Center which has faced a shortage of blood supply in recent weeks. Participants also received a free mini-

medical exam on site which included information about their temperature, blood pressure and hematocrit level.

Senator Stewart-Cousins commented, “The simple act of donating a pint of blood can save the lives of up to three people. It could save your son, daughter, husband, wife, neighbor or yourself. Blood donations are always in demand, but today the New York Blood Center’s supply is desperately low. This blood drive came at a critical time, and I was proud to co-host it with Empire City Casino and my colleagues in government.”

The Senator continued, “When my husband fell ill several years ago, he received 72 blood transfusions in the hospital. It was the generosity of those blood donors that helped keep him alive during that time. If you are eligible, I urge you to take the time and donate a pint of blood. It is a simple but selfless act that will save lives.”

To find a location to donate blood, you can visit the New York Blood Center’s website at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org), or call them at 1 (800) 933- BLOOD (25663). You can also contact Senator Stewart-Cousins’ district office at (914) 423-4031 for information about how to donate blood.

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