



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

## Senator Gallivan To Sponsor UNYTS Blood Drive At Transit Road Office

PATRICK M. GALLIVAN September 2, 2011



### *Blood drive in Lancaster on Tuesday, September 13*

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-59th District) is calling on Western New Yorkers to do their part to keep the blood supply strong this fall. Area residents will have an opportunity to donate blood next week at a Upstate New York Transplant Services (UNYTS) blood drive being sponsored by Senator Gallivan.

The blood drive runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m on Tuesday, September 13, taking place outside Senator Gallivan's District Office at 4729 Transit Rd, Suite 7 in Depew.

"As we have just seen with the destruction caused by Hurricane Irene across the Northeast, we live in a very unpredictable world and emergencies can occur at any time," Senator Gallivan said. "It's critical that we keep our blood supplies flush and are always prepared in times of need. Your blood donation will be critically important in regional and nationwide efforts to keep the supply strong."

Upstate New York Transplant Services is a Community Blood Bank who's supply stays local and saves local lives. UNYTS is the supplier to Kaleida, ECMC and all of Niagara and Wyoming Counties hospitals.

"When you donate through UNYTS, you're ensuring that your friends, family and neighbors have blood available when they need it. Just one pint can help save up to three local lives," said UNYTS CEO and President Mark Simon.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, please contact UNYTS at 716-512-7940, or you can sign up online at [www.unyts.org](http://www.unyts.org). For more information, you can also contact Senator Gallivan's office at 716-656-8544.

### **Local Blood Facts**

- Every 3 seconds someone needs blood.
- 100 people in WNY will need blood today.
- This year, area hospitals will use 60,000 units of blood.
- Just one pint can help save up to 3 local lives.

· It's about an hour of your time... It's about life.

*Headquartered in Buffalo and established in 1981, Upstate New York Transplant Services is among the leading organ procurement organizations in the United States and is the only establishment of its kind nationwide to offer opportunities for organ, eye, tissue and blood donation. More information is available at [www.unyts.org](http://www.unyts.org).*