## Lake Havasu

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## Blood Drive at ASU at Lake Havasu

As SU at Lake Havasu is excited to tell you that we had some real-life superheroes on campus on September 19, 2023. Anybody who donates blood is a superhero. ASU is diligent in conducting these blood drives often. The blood drive was organized by Vitalant, which is a non-profit organization that collects blood from volunteer donors and aids in transfusion medicine.

The blood drive began at 11 AM and concluded at 4 PM. It was impressive to see a lot of appointments and walk-ins during the drive. We surpassed the amount of people we expected to have. Even more impressive was the point that there were many more elderly who came in to donate blood than the younger population. It is commendable to see so many people working towards this initiative and even more humbling to realize one blood donation can give someone their entire life.

It was an easy online registration form to register for an appointment to donate blood. A lot of people around here did not know that there was an app in place by Vitalant, which makes it easier to record the data for your blood type and the times you have donated blood. On top of that, this app

provides you with points every time you donate blood through Vitalant, these points later can be converted into actual rewards.

The camp Vitalant set up in ASU at Lake Havasu's Daytona Gym was extremely professional and hygienic. The professionals working in it were amicable and very skilled. They made every volunteer feel comfortable.

Please make sure to watch for the next ASU at Lake Havasu and Vitalant Blood Drive. According to the Red Cross, only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less), and platelets must be used within just 5 days. It is vital that blood donation occurs regularly. Will you be a superhero?



SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD EVERY

2 SECONDS



This means the need for donations is constant.



are needed **EVERY DAY** to meet the blood needs of hospital patients in our region

