

Residents of Imperial will be doing their bit to help promote Red Cross Month in March. Two Bloodmobiles are scheduled, both honoring 15-year old Makenna Wallin, who is battling leukemia.

The first blood drive will be held March 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chase County Schools. To make an appointment contact Angie Paisley at (308) 882-4304.

The second bloodmobile will be held March 22 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at Imperial Bible Church. To make an appointment contact Liz Mollendor at (308) 882-3958 or go to redcrossblood.org.

Walk-ins are welcome at each blood drive.

Wallin is receiving chemotherapy treatments for acute myeloid leukemia, a cancer of her blood and bone marrow. She receives regular blood and platelet donations during her treatment in Denver.

Mother Marilee Wallin is thankful for the donations and emphasizes their importance to her daughter and other recipients.

The American Red Cross invites everyone to support their communities by giving blood or platelets, volunteering, taking a class or making a financial donation.

Like the emergency room of a hospital, the Red Cross must be prepared to respond to patient needs around the clock. With the generous support of blood donors, the Red Cross can help ensure that all patients have the blood products they need, no matter when or where.

At the bloodmobiles, a blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.