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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Republic Parks and Recreation Blood Drive**

REPUBLIC, MO - The Republic Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, February 15, 2008. The Community Blood Center of the Ozarks (CBCO) will be at the Republic Community Center from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and is asking blood donors to give life to their community by participating in the drive. The CBCO has issued a code yellow alert for all negative blood types and B positive blood. A single blood donation can save the lives of up to three people, so come out and help the CBCO continue to save the lives of patients in thirty-six area hospitals.

Eligibility requirements include weighing at least 110 pounds and being in general good health. Proof of identification is required for first time donors. Please contact (417) 732-3500 for more information.

