Why choose our community blood bank when donating blood?
Because your donated blood stays in Western New York to help your family, friends and neighbors. At Upstate New York Transplant Services, we know you have a choice when it comes to donating blood. That’s why we want to make sure you have all the facts before you donate. Here are the answers to some very important questions concerning our community blood bank.

How much blood is actually needed in our area?
Area hospitals use 60,000 units of blood per year. In addition to emergencies and life-saving transplants, blood is needed on a regular basis for people with cancer, heart disease and leukemia. Premature babies and children needing surgery also require blood transfusions.

How does our community blood bank help lower the cost of blood?
By collecting, processing and distributing all the blood locally, our community blood bank decreases the cost of blood to area hospitals by as much as 30% per year, which translates to millions of dollars in healthcare cost savings. Savings to the Western New York region over the next five years are projected to exceed $20 million.

Why did Upstate New York Transplant Services decide to start a community blood bank?
Upstate New York Transplant Services was approached by area hospitals looking for a cost-effective alternative for purchasing blood. We have been a leader in organ and tissue donation for more than 25 years, so the blood bank is a natural extension of our mission.

How effective has our community blood bank been since it began in 2007?
More than 22,000 of your fellow Western New Yorkers have generously donated blood through our 1,041 blood drives, allowing us to positively impact more than 37,000 lives in our community. It’s also added nearly 100 local jobs.

How can I donate to our community blood bank?
We regularly hold blood drives at convenient locations around the community. Please visit UNYTS.ORG for a complete listing of blood drives near you, or call 716.853.6667 ext. 7940.

To find one of our community blood drives near you, or to make an appointment to donate blood, visit UNYTS.ORG or call 716.853.6667 ext. 7940.