



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 24, 2019

For more information, contact:

Ashley Gramann
HSHS Southern Illinois Division, Communications Manager
(618) 651-2588
ashley.gramann@hshs.org

**HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland to Host
Blood Drive on August 7**

(HIGHLAND, IL) – HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center are hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, August 7, from 2 to 6 p.m. in the hospital's Ungacta Conference Center. Healthy individuals may donate blood every eight weeks. Therefore, to meet eligibility requirements, your most recent donation should not have been any later than June 12, 2019, which was the hospital's last drive.

Additional giving requirements include weighing at least 110 pounds, and being 17 years of age or older, (or 16 with a signed parental permission form available at bloodcenter.org). Please bring a photo ID, eat before arriving, and plan to spend approximately one hour. Appointments are requested, but walk-ins are always welcome. For an appointment, call 1-800-591-8049 or visit bloodcenterimpact.org – sponsor code 9809.

While you are on the website, check out IMPACT. Earn points every time you donate with IMPACT, Mississippi Valley's donor loyalty program. You receive points for each donation, and earn bonus points when you make your appointment online. Redeem points in an online store for lots of great Blood Center merchandise.

For donors wanting to make the biggest impact by giving whenever eligible, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland hosts drives approximately every eight weeks in 2019. A future blood drive is planned for Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 2 to 6 p.m. For additional information, contact Mississippi Valley at 1-800-591-8049 or HSHS St. Joseph's Highland at 618-651-2593.

To learn more about HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland, visit stjosephshighland.org. HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Highland is part of the Southern Illinois Division of Hospital Sisters Health System, which also includes HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon, HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital in Effingham, HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, and HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville.

###

About Hospital Sisters Health System

Hospital Sisters Health System's (HSHS) mission is to reveal and embody Christ's healing love for all people through our high quality, Franciscan health care ministry. HSHS provides state-of-the-art health care to our patients and is dedicated to serving all people, especially the most vulnerable, at each of our 15 Local Systems and physician practices in Illinois (Breese, Decatur, Effingham, Greenville, Highland, Litchfield, O'Fallon, Shelbyville, and Springfield) and Wisconsin (Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Oconto Falls, Sheboygan, and two in Green Bay). HSHS is sponsored by Hospital Sisters Ministries, and Hospital Sisters of St. Francis is the founding institute. For more information about HSHS, visit www.hshs.org. For more information about Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, visit www.hospitalsisters.org.