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LifeStream joins the Chamber

LifeStream joined the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce in June. It strives to bring health and hope to people's lives by connecting donors and patients through the gift of blood, said Kevin Taylor, community relations liaison. LifeStream was established in 1951 as the Blood Bank of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

"We will be serving the High Desert Medical Center starting in September, and we are going to be a community member in Twentynine Palms," said Tina Bui, LifeStream's area representative.

LifeStream has 420 employees and works with more than 50 hospitals, including Hi-Desert Regional Hospital, Desert Regional Medical Center and JFK Memorial Hospital. LifeStream provides hospitals, laboratories and physicians with round-the-clock medical consultation services and patient support from three transfusion medicine physician specialists who have more than 60 years of cumulative experience.

LifeStream must receive at least 500 donations daily to support 175,000 transfusions annually. LifeStream donor centers offer the opportunity to enjoy a movie or surf the Internet in comfortable web-accessible donor chairs, and provides an Internet café with healthy snacks and beverages to complete the donor experience.

Multiple blood drives are held daily at local business sites, churches, government agencies, high schools, colleges and civic organizations. Donors also give blood at five donor centers located in San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario, La Quinta and Hesperia. Donor Center hours are Sunday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LifeStream created the "Gift of Life Donor Loyalty Program" to thank blood donors. It is the only program of its kind in Southern California, providing wellness benefits such as screenings for cholesterol and diabetes.

LifeStream also offers internship and scholarship opportunities.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 760-777-8844 or visit www.lstream.org.

As a Chamber member, LifeStream can take advantage of many services the Chamber offers, such as marketing assistance, leadership development seminars, business growth presentations, networking opportunities at Chamber mixers, and the Chamber's "Let's Go Shop/Let's Go to Lunch" campaign. The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce offers services for all businesses in the Twentynine Palms area.

If your business is interested in hearing about the benefits of Chamber membership, please call Executive Director Jessica Wagner-Schultz at 760-367-3445 to schedule a presentation.