

## **FCCLA Blood Drive**

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Central Valley FCCLA's Spring American Red Cross Blood Drive occurred at the Central Valley Auditorium on Thursday, March 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All types were needed and necessary. This is the organization's third blood drive of the year. Due to generous donations from CV students, staff and members of the community, CV FCCLA reached 188 units for the 2017-18 grand total and garnered \$1000 in scholarship funds.

The American Red Cross High School Leadership Program, "Leaders Saves Lives" is a unique program allowing high school students to host three blood drives throughout the school year. For these students, giving blood through the Red Cross is a true service and leadership activity with the accomplishment of helping ensure a reliable blood supply, earn volunteer hours and an opportunity to win scholarships.

BBQ beef sandwiches, baked beans and chips was generously provided by QLF (Quality Liquid Feeds) and Country Partners Co-Op. FCCLA members and Culinary II students prepared the salads and desserts. Water, juice and pre-donation snacks were provided by the Red Cross.

FCCLA members working the drive were: Aleasha Potraz, Olivia Nelson, Ragan Wood and Esma Abrajan Gutierrez, additional help was provided by Jeremy Ondracek, Noah Nekoliczak, Noah Baker and Jodie Wood.

64 people presented at the drive and 57 productive units were collected.

Milestone donors: Dodge Daniels ( 1st time), Annice Marlow (3 gal) and Dave Gleen (6 gal).

Senior class- high school career donations : Jordan Beck (4), Madison Cockerill (9), Colton Gydesen (5), Jeremy Ondracek (5), and Nathan Poss (3) .