Student Village residents give back – by giving blood

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Needles and blood aren't exactly what most people would consider a "good time." However, it was all smiles and good spirits at SUNY Broome's recent blood drive, held in the first floor Student Village classroom. There was a large turnout as students — both eager and nervous — were ready to be a part of something that could save another's life.

Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, according to the American Red Cross. More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day. The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately three pints. With one pint of blood, you can save up to three lives!

I was lucky enough to meet many of the brave individuals who decided to give blood and find out what led to their decision to do so. Makayla Eaton, a SUNY Broome student and Student Village resident, has donated blood multiple times.

"When my grandmother was alive, she had to get multiple transfusions," she explained. "Those people who donated blood helped save her life, and I want to do that for someone else."
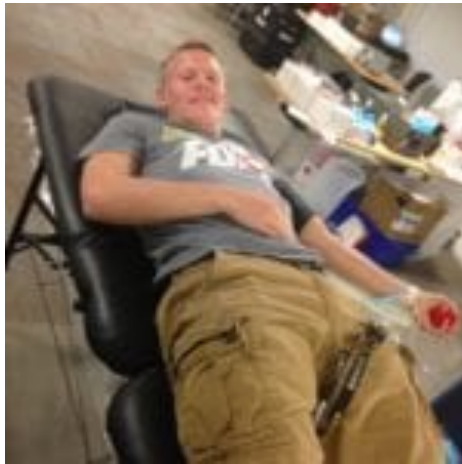
Another resident gave a reason for donating: "I want to help others. To know what I have in my body can actually give someone a second chance is very fulfilling."

The donors – who gave blood voluntarily, out of the kindness of their hearts — were amazing.

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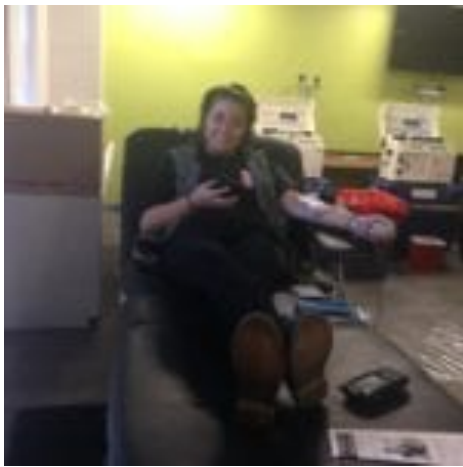
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