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Mayor Robert G. Ortt to Sponsor Community Blood Drive at DeGraff Memorial Hospital

NORTH TONAWANDA — Mayor Robert G. Ortt will be hosting an open-to-the-public blood drive with Unyts, WNY's only organ, eye, tissue and community blood center, on Saturday, May 5th from 7am-2pm at DeGraff Memorial Hospital's Neighborhood Blood Donation Center, 445 Tremont Street in North Tonawanda.

"Giving the gift of life through a blood donation is critically important," Mayor Ortt said. "By giving blood, you are helping to make sure there is blood available for your friends and neighbors in their time of need."

Since beginning collections in June 2007, UNYTS has already become the primary supplier of blood products for the six hospitals in Niagara and Wyoming Counties, ECMC and for the entire Kaleida Health System. Our local hospitals need to maintain an adequate supply of blood for emergency situations and it is up to Unyts' Community Blood Service and the generosity of our donors to help provide safe levels of blood inventory.

By giving blood with Unyts you are making sure your family, friends, neighbors and other members of the community have blood available when they need it. To schedule an appointment to donate blood please call 716-512-7940. Walk-ins always welcome!

Headquartered in Buffalo and established in 1981, Unyts is among the leading procurement organizations in the United States, and is the only organization of its kind nationwide to offer opportunities for organ, eye, tissue and blood donation. Unyts operates as a not-for-profit serving the eight counties of Western New York and is part of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus.

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