



**WinStar World Casino and Resort in Thackerville takes the top spot for blood donations in Oklahoma**

*Casino hosts Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive*

**Thackerville, Okla.** – WinStar World Casino and Resort employees came out early and stayed late for the fourth and most successful Oklahoma Blood Institute blood drive of the year held at the casino on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Casino officials said 275 employees rolled up their sleeves to donate blood and other blood products.

“WinStar employees went above and beyond for this blood drive,” said Wayne McCormick, WinStar’s general manager. “It is truly amazing how the staff pulls together for events like this. Their acts of generosity will result in lives saved.”

Oklahoma Blood Institute officials said the blood drive could save up to 825 lives. The organization reports that WinStar averages the largest blood drives in the state.

“Oklahoma Blood Institute is proud to partner with WinStar on another very successful blood drive,” said Dr. John Armitage, OBI President and CEO. “Averaging the largest single-day casino blood drive in the state, WinStar is a consistent partner that our community can rely on. On Oct. 25, WinStar hosted the largest blood drive they have ever had. On behalf of the patients across Oklahoma counting on you, we are truly grateful.”

WinStar’s Entertainment Manager, Stephanie Callaway organizes the casino’s employee blood drives. She said the goal for 2016 was set at 835 procedures or blood donations.

“We surpassed that number by more than 120,” said Callaway. “I’m thrilled and encouraged with their participation. They have set the bar really high for 2017.”

Blood drive participants each received an OBI Bedlam series t-shirt in their choice of crimson and cream or orange. They also each received a Grand Via Buffet voucher and a chance to win one of 21 pairs of tickets to Bellator MMA.

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