

Live to Give Committee Report – Convention 2021

In 2011, the Live to Give Committee was born. The Committee began with the mission to promote blood donation and also to provide additional support to patients with Cooley's Anemia (the ICF's National Charity), who require routine blood transfusions to survive.

The Goals of the Live to Give Committee are as follows:

- Raise awareness and promote the importance of donating blood.
- Dispel myths that exist about blood and blood donation in the ICF community.
- Write monthly articles for the ICF Bollettino to educate the community.
- Pay it forward – give blood to replenish the blood supply.
- Give blood in honor of someone, something, or a disease such as Cooley's Anemia or Cancer.
- Plan an annual blood drive at convention. In the past 9 years we have collected 250 units, saving 750 lives!
- Encourage and assist branches and districts in planning blood drives.

Much like when you donate funds to one of the ICF's charities, you can donate blood in honor of or in memory of someone, or to celebrate an occasion. We have postcards for this purpose – when you donate you can fill out a postcard and send it to the ICF office. The person you are honoring will be notified and your name will appear in the Bollettino.

Committee Members for 2020-2021:

Kenneth Marshall, ICF Central Council Member – Committee Chair.

Michael Cannady, ICF Central Council Life Member Emeritus, Committee Member

Pat Mages, ICF Central Council Member – Advisor.

Laurice Levine, ICF Cooley's Anemia Liaison for Children's Hospital Los Angeles – Committee Member-at-Large.

This year marked another successful year for Live to Give. We submitted the following articles in the Bollettino:

January:	Live to Give Update
February:	ICF Branch 82 Blood Drive/Donate Love
March:	Donating Whole Blood
April:	World Thalassemia Day
May:	Blood and Cooley's Anemia
June:	Donating Blood During COVID
July:	Blood Drive Save the Date
August/September:	Blood Drive Flyer

Finally, this convention will mark our 10th Annual Blood Drive and our goal is to collect 25 units of blood. Remember, every drop counts! If you are reading this and want to plan a blood drive and/or donate blood, please contact us!

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