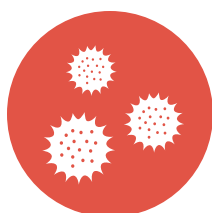


WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR BLOOD AFTER YOU DONATE?

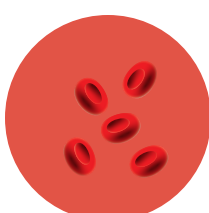
BLOOD IS SEPARATED INTO FOUR PARTS



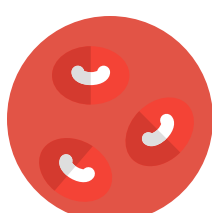
platelets



plasma



red cells



white cells



BLOOD IS TESTED: a lab conducts a test to determine the safety of the blood donation.

BLOOD IS PRECIOUS



Red cells have a shelf life of 35 days to 42 days



Platelets only have a shelf life of five days



BLOOD IS STORED

Blood is then stored in freezers until it is needed by hospitals or clinics

BLOOD SAVES LIVES



Once a hospital requests a blood product, blood is delivered as quickly as possible.

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person: the gift of life.