

**HEALTH:** Summer is a critical time to give blood; car crash rates escalate and potential donors are away on vacation

# Public answers blood appeal

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William Marcotte's appeal for blood is being heard all over the region.

The Markham stockbroker, who has a rare liver disease and hard-to-match blood, has missed a chance for a transplant because of the summer blood shortage.



MARCOTTE

Blood match found for man awaiting life-saving surgery.

But since his appeal for help, blood donations are up, and more than half the donors have been O positive — Marcotte's blood type, the Canadian Red Cross announced yesterday.

Thanks to those donors, Marcotte has seven of the 10 to 15 matched units of blood he'll need for the operation, Red Cross blood lab manager Renee Naiman said.

Because of certain antibodies in Marcotte's blood, the chance of a match is only one in 125.

More car accidents this season mean a greater need for transfusions of

## YOU CAN HELP

Here's your chance to give gift of life

The Red Cross is operating a blood donor clinic today at Hillcrest Mall in Richmond Hill, noon to 5 p.m.

It is organizing others at these locations and times:

- Thursday, July 23 at Thornhill Square in Thornhill, 300 John Street, 3-8 p.m.

- Wednesday, July 29 at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, 3-8 p.m.

blood, at a time when many regular donors are away. The Toronto area is short of blood, and blood donations in York Region are 10 per cent under the normal level, said Donna Chanda, York Region manager for the Red Cross.



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Karl Sulcs was one of more than 30 people who showed up right on time for the 3 p.m. blood donor clinic at the Stouffville Legion Friday. Here he is administered to by Carrie Aunario.

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