

Where to give

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TUESDAY, AUG. 12, Investors Group lobby, 675 Cochrane Dr., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 14 Markham Civic Centre lobby, 101 Town Centre Blvd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 12, Latcham Hall, 8 Park Drive S., 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., Visit bloodservices.ca for details

Need for blood in York up 10 per cent over last year

Hospitals in and around York Region have an urgent need for blood donors between now and Labour Day, Canadian Blood Services says.

More than 36,000 blood donors are needed in Southern and Central Ontario.

Hospital patients' need for blood and blood products rose unexpectedly this spring and summer to

almost double the projected national 4.6 per cent growth rate.

The need in York and surrounding areas has increased ten per cent over last year.

The service reports more blood is being used to treat a higher incidence of car accident and other trauma victims and for surgical, cancer and palliative care patients.

A University Health Network transfusion physician, Dr. Jacob Pendergrast knows first hand the importance of a sufficient blood supply.

"The same way you could not picture a hospital operating without scalpels, bandages or gurneys, we cannot function if we don't have enough blood," he said.

Walk-in donors are welcome, but calling ahead for an appointment helps the five permanent GTA blood donor clinics maintain their schedules.

York Region's permanent clinic is at Hillcrest Mall, Yonge Street and 16th Avenue, Richmond Hill.

Call 1-888-236-6283 to book an appointment or for information.

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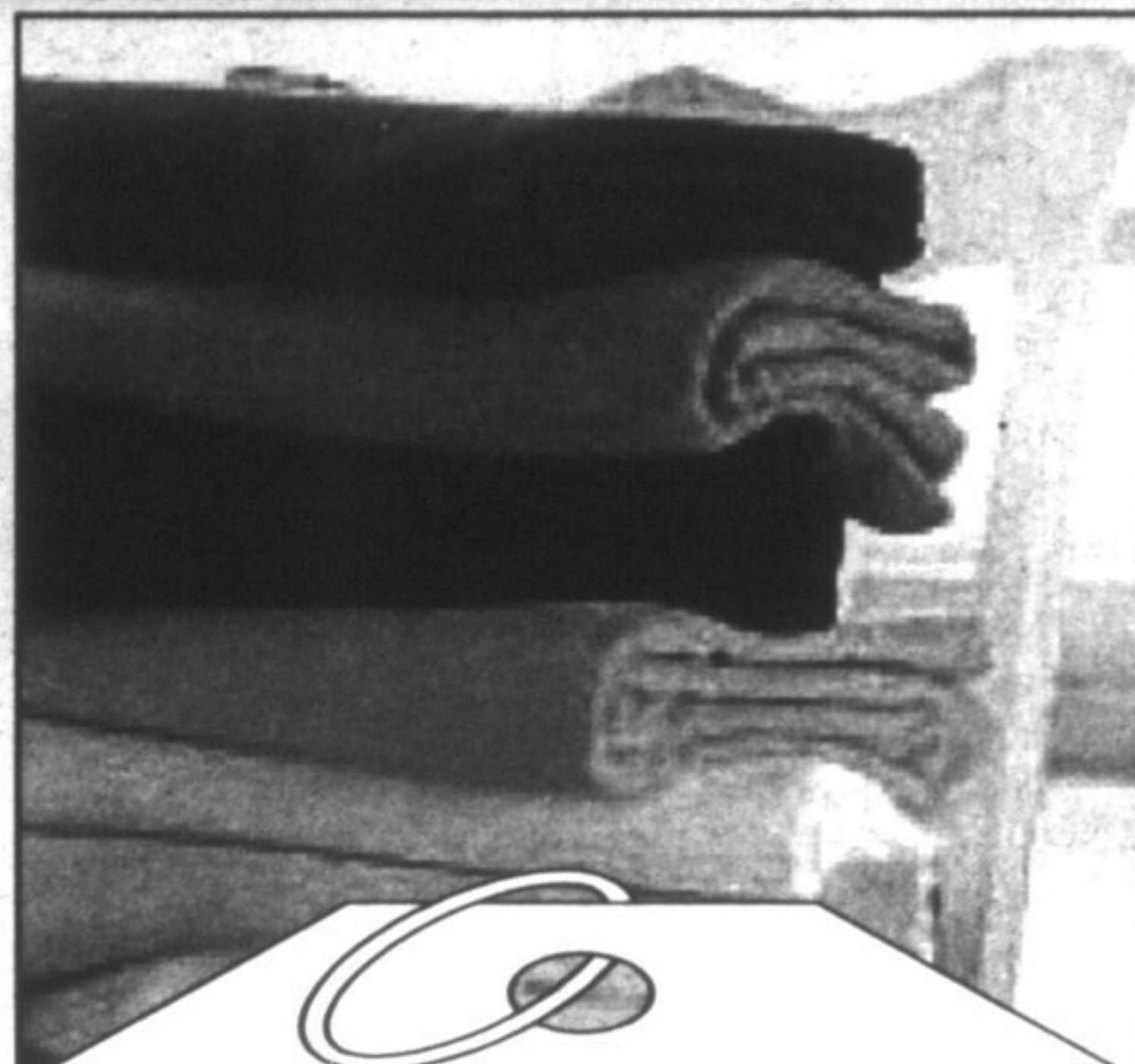
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