

Blood inventory in critical condition

Canada's blood inventory has hit a six-year low and Canadian Blood Services is appealing for donations.

All donors are welcome, but those with Type O and A blood are particularly needed.

"Without the help of Canadians, we may have difficulty meeting the expected hospital demand across the country," said Mark Donnison, vice-president of donor relations with blood services. "For patients, this may mean deferring elective or routine treatments."

According to the organization, someone needs blood every minute of every day. It

blames the shortage on poor attendance at blood donor clinics countrywide in combination with the constant demand.

Without an upswing in donations, Canadian Blood Services will soon have less than three days worth of inventory of its major blood groups on hand. The ideal level of inventory for blood products is enough for five to eight days.

You can give blood Oct. 18 at Stouffville District Secondary School and Nov. 1 at Balantrae Community Centre.

To book an appointment today, download the GiveBlood app, visit blood.ca or call 1-888-2-DONATE (1-888-236-6283).

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Guest

Speaker: Stefano Perfetti, Director
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Refreshments and light snacks will be served

Space is limited, to reserve your seat please call Aizah at 905-597-1633 by October 15th



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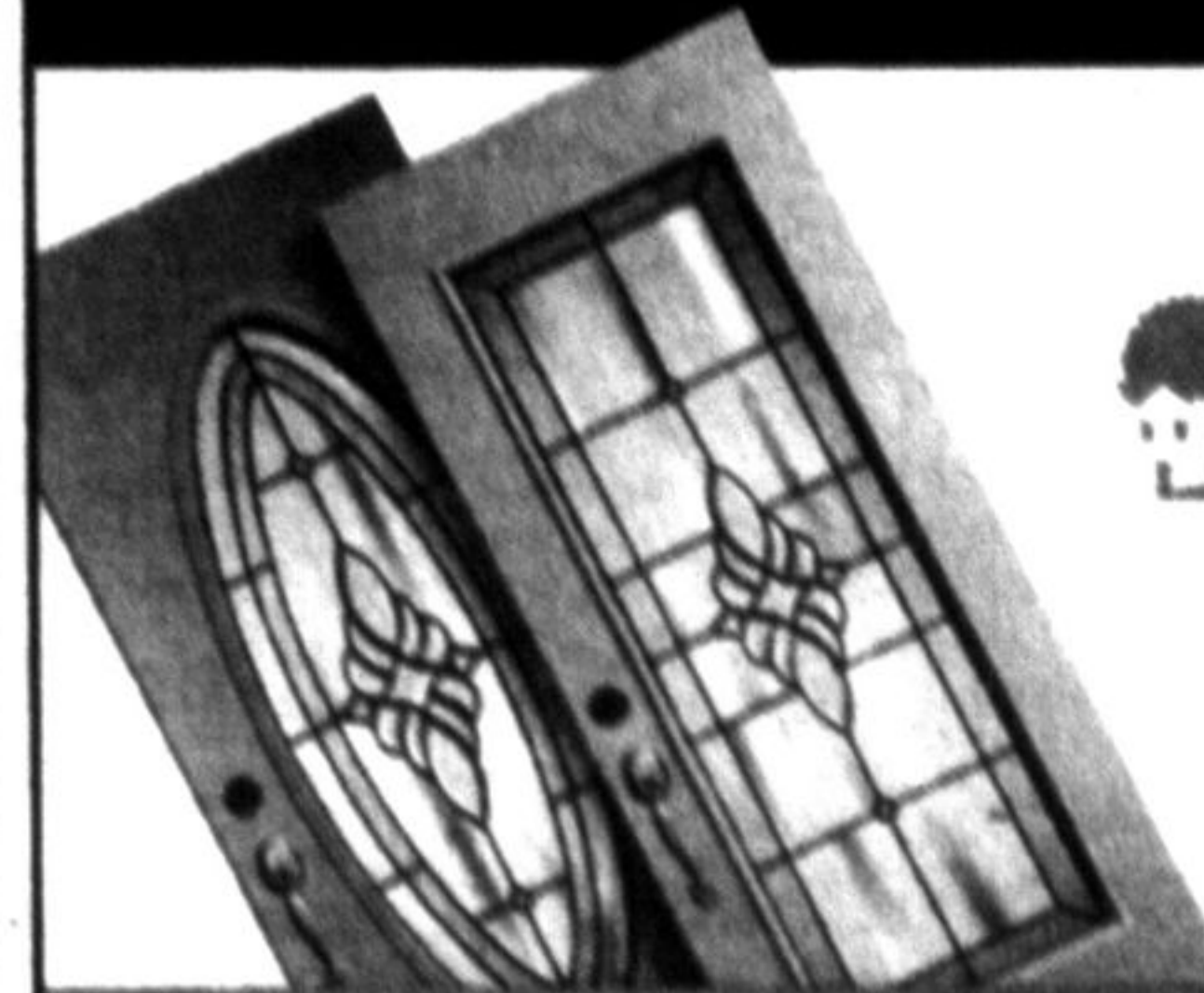


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