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### **CHARACTER**

demonstrated by high moral and ethical standards

COMPETENCY

leading to highly capable teams

### COMMUNICATION

delivered with clarity

### **COLLABORATION**

through teamwork

### **COMMITMENT**

and accountability



### LANDMARK YEAR

2021 was a landmark year for our organization as we united team members, donors, and volunteers from our entire service region under a new name, ImpactLife. Previously, we operated under three different names after mergers between Central Illinois Community Blood Center, Community Blood Services of Illinois, and Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. With the addition of hospitals in south-central Wisconsin, southern Illinois, and the St. Louis region, our growth has extended beyond what our founders could have imagined when they chose names that identified their local service regions.

As we approached this historic name change, our project team conducted market research with our employees, blood donors, board members, hospital partners, and the public. This research led us to ImpactLife, a name that emphasizes "what we do" instead of "where we are."

Uniting our staff, donors, and volunteers under a single name was a key objective of the name change. While we are proudly based in Davenport, Iowa, we have team members working across a four-state service region of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The name change has brought about increased efficiency and enhanced name recognition within our industry and across our service region. Changing our name marks the end of an era, but our people and mission remain unchanged. In 2021, our teams were successful in fulfilling that mission despite the challenges of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We provided more than 300,000 red blood cell, platelet, and plasma components for the 125 hospitals we serve within our region and for resource sharing partners across the country. We brought on new service hospitals in central Wisconsin and western Illinois, and we opened Donor Centers in Decatur, Illinois and Madison, Wisconsin.

This report highlights what our teams have achieved in 2021. We are mindful that our success depends on the commitment of generous volunteer donors who fill the schedules at our donor centers and blood drives. Their commitment, and the dedication of our team members to our shared values (*listed above*), is the basis of our success. We are grateful to move into a new era as ImpactLife with a dedicated team that puts our name, and our mission, into action.

### **MIKE PAREJKO**

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Chair. Board of Directors

**DARREN S.LINDQUIST** 

## COVID-19

Our operations were significantly impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in 2021. The effect of the pandemic was seen primarily through challenges with donor presentation and staffing levels.



Volunteers provided more than

**29,500 hours** 

as delivery drivers, serving post-donation

refreshments, as office support,

and in other roles.

#### DONOR RECRUITMENT AND THE BLOOD SUPPLY

Many of the groups that host blood drives chose to cancel or postpone their events in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. While our Donor Relations team has worked to return many of these events to our calendar, we ended the year at approximately 70% of the previous level of support for mobile blood drives.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has kept some of our donors away, our teams have implemented strategies to grow Donor Center collections during the pandemic (an increase of 30% compared with 2019), and this has helped offset some of the losses from mobile blood drives to maintain a sufficient blood supply for the hospitals we serve locally and nationally.

#### FLUCTUATING STAFFING LEVELS

Employers across all sectors of the economy have noted the challenge of ensuring sufficient staffing levels throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This is due in part to quarantine periods when staff members have either been exposed to the virus or develop symptoms from a COVID-19 infection. Following the lead of hospitals across our service region, ImpactLife implemented a COVID-19 vaccination requirement for employees in November 2021 (with limited exceptions for health and religious reasons). This policy has helped diminish the effect of illness on staffing levels.

## **2021 BY THE NUMBERS**

220k

**Volunteer Donors** 

174k

Whole Blood Units

**38k** 

**Platelet Units** 

## **2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

### THANK THE DONOR

Thanks to a new program we launched in 2021, transfusion recipients across our service region can share their appreciation with blood donors. Thank the Donor is a tool that allows transfusion recipients, their family members, and caregivers to send messages to the donor(s) who provided their specific unit(s) of blood. Donors received more than 600 appreciations from transfusion recipients during the first full year of the program.

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### LOVE LIKE LOUDEN

We were honored to work with the Lofgren family of Muscatine, Iowa, on a memorial blood drive and 5K run/walk to honor the memory of Louden Paul Lofgren. Two-year old Louden died following a routine medical procedure in early 2021. In their grief, the Lofgren family looked for a positive way to remember Louden, who they describe as "a loving, energetic, smiling, two-year-old who loved all things in life."

Knowing blood donations are always in demand, and even more so in the weeks surrounding Labor Day Weekend, the Lofgren family worked with ImpactLife to organize a monthlong in-center blood drive leading up to a 5K run/walk held along the Muscatine Riverfront in September 2021.

The in-center blood drive resulted in 300 presenting donors, including 28 first-time donors. In addition, the Lofgren family used proceeds from the 5K run/walk to make a generous donation to support ImpactLife operations.

### We've summarized additional achievements from our team in our 2021 Highlight Reel.



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My 15 year old daughter needed 2 units of blood due to low hemoglobin from chemo. Thank you so much for donating.

ImpactLife

"a loving, energetic, smiling, two-year-old who loved all things in life."



### **ImpactLife** BLOOD SERVICES

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### LOGO UPDATE

With the announcement of our new name came an update to our logo as well. The ImpactLife logo is a modern take on the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center logo that was developed by our organization's founder, Dick Novota. The symbol combines a yin yang shape with a blood drop to represent the interconnection of blood donors and transfusion recipients, and that of the blood center and communities we serve.

### **NEW LAB FUNCTIONS IN EARTH CITY**

Our team in Earth City, Missouri has expanded its role in component production at the St. Louis region operations hub. In 2021, the lab in Earth City began handling production of red blood cells, plasma, cryoprecipitate, apheresis platelets, and whole blood. This change increases our operational efficiency and adds capacity to better serve hospitals in the southern portion of our service region.

### **CONVALESCENT PLASMA**

In the first quarter of 2021, our teams continued working with donors who had recovered from a COVID-19 infection and were eligible to donate COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP). These donations contained antibodies to the COVID-19 virus and were used to help treat patients fighting COVID-19. As monoclonal antibodies and other new treatments became available, the use of CCP declined to a point where our existing inventory was sufficient to meet demand for this product and CCP collection was discontinued.



To better serve our expanding service region, we opened new Donor Centers in Decatur, IL (left) and Madison, WI (right).

#### A FOND FAREWELL

Two key members of our leadership team chose to retire in 2021. Nancy Kelting and Jeannine McCullough worked in front-line positions on our Laboratory and Donor Services teams, respectively, before taking on executive leadership roles. We thank them for their decades of extraordinary service.



Jeannine McCullough Vice President, Blood Services



Nancy Kelting Vice President, Client Services

#### **2021 ADRP AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to Sharee Hoegerl, Recruitment Development Coordinator, and Pete Lux, Vice President, Donor and Patient Services, who received awards at the Association of Donor Relations Professionals (ADRP) Annual Conference in August 2021. WCIA-TV, our partner in the annual "Gift of Life" blood drive, was also honored as ADRP's 2021 Media Partner of the Year.



### **RED4LIFE LAUNCH**

To kick off Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in September, we launched a new program designed to increase diversity within the blood center's donor base and increase the number of products available to effectively serve patients with sickle cell disease. Under the Red4Life program, donors whose blood is tested and identified as an appropriate antigen match for patients with Sickle Cell Disease will be invited to become a Red4Life donor. After making their fourth donation each year, Red4Life donors receive an additional 800 points to use in the ImpactLife Donor Loyalty Store. At the same time, the ImpactLife Donor Relations team is engaged in additional outreach to prospective blood donor groups to expand the blood center's donor base.

### **BLOODCENTER.ORG/ASHLEY**



Our goal is to create sickle cell awareness, education and action within the metropolitan St. Louis area.

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### **GOVERNING BOARD**

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Changing The World Together

The Associate Boards of ImpactLife are 20-49 year old individuals focused on building networks, awareness, increasing the volunteer and donor base and supporting special events of ImpactLife.

### **MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER Dr. Louis Katz MEDICAL DIRECTOR Dr. Ruchika Goel

## **SERVICE REGION**

We are proud to be the provider of blood products and services to 125 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin from seven regional distribution hubs.

Anderson Hospital - Marvville, Illinois Audrain Community Hospital - Mexico, Missouri Blessing Health Keokuk - Keokuk, Iowa Boone Hospital Center - Columbia, Missouri Boyd Healthcare Services - Carrollton, Illinois Capital Region Medical Center - Jefferson City, Missouri Carle Foundation Hospital - Champaign-Urbana, Illinois Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center - Hoopeston, Illinois Carlinville Area Hospital - Carlinville, Illinois CGH Medical Center - Sterling, Illinois Clay County Hospital - Flora, Illinois Compass Memorial Healthcare - Marengo, Iowa Decatur Memorial Hospital - Decatur, Illinois Gateway Regional Medical Center - Granite City, Illinois Genesis Medical Center - Aledo, Illinois Genesis Medical Center - DeWitt, Iowa Genesis Medical Center, East - Davenport, Iowa Genesis Medical Center, Illini campus - Silvis, Illinois Genesis Medical Center, West Central Park - Davenport, Iowa Graham Health System - Canton, Illinois Grant Regional Health Center - Lancaster, Wisconsin Hammond Henry Hospital - Geneseo, Illinois Henry County Health Center - Mount Pleasant, Iowa Hillsboro Area Hospital - Hillsboro, Illinois Hopedale Medical Complex - Hopedale, Illinois HSHS Good Shepherd Hospital - Shelbyville, Illinois HSHS Holy Family Hospital - Greenville, Illinois HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital - Effingham, Illinois HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital - O'Fallon, Illinois HSHS St. Francis Hospital - Litchfield, Illinois HSHS St. John's Hospital - Springfield, Illinois HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital - Breese, Illinois HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital - Highland, Illinois HSHS St. Mary's Hospital - Decatur, Illinois Illini Community Hospital - Pittsfield, Illinois Illinois Valley Community Hospital - Peru, Illinois Iowa Cancer Specialists - Davenport, Iowa Iowa City VA Health Care System - Iowa City, Iowa Jackson County Regional Health Center - Genesis Health System Jacksonville Memorial Hospital - Jacksonville, Illinois Jefferson County Health Center - Fairfield, Iowa Keokuk County Health Center - Sigourney, Iowa Kirby Medical Center - Monticello, Illinois Knoxville Hospital & Clinics - Knoxville, Iowa

Lincoln Memorial Hospital - Lincoln, Illinois Lucas County Health Center - Chariton, Iowa Mahaska Health - Oskaloosa, Iowa McDonough District Hospital - Macomb, Illinois Memorial Hospital - Carthage, Illinois Memorial Hospital of Lafavette County - Darlington, Wisconsin MercyOne Cedar Rapids - Cedar Rapids, Iowa MercyOne Clinton - Clinton, Iowa MercyOne Dubuque - Dubuque, Iowa MercyOne Dyersville - Dyersville, Iowa Mercy Hospital Jefferson - Crystal City, Missouri Mercy Hospital Lincoln - Troy, Missouri Mercy Hospital South - St. Louis, Missouri Mercy Hospital St. Louis - St. Louis, Missouri\* Mercy Hospital Washington - Washington, Missouri\* Mercy Iowa City - Iowa City, Iowa Midwest Medical Center - Galena, Illinois Monroe County Hospital & Clinics - Albia, Iowa Morrison Community Hospital - Morrison, Illinois OSF Center for Health - Streator, Illinois OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center - Champaign-Urbana, Illinois OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center - Monmouth, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony's Health Center - Alton, Illinois OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center - Danville, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center - Ottawa, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center - Peoria. Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center - Pontiac. Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Joseph Medical Center - Bloomington, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center - Kewanee, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Mary Medical Center - Galesburg, Illinois OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center - Mendota, Illinois OSF Saint Clare Medical Center- Princeton, Illinois Ottumwa Regional Health Center - Ottumwa, Iowa Pana Community Hospital - Pana, Illinois Prairie Ridge Health - Columbus, Wisconsin Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center - Charleston-Mattoon, Illinois Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital - Rushville, Illinois Select Specialty Hospital - Davenport, Iowa Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center - Fort Madison, Iowa Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center-West Burlington, Iowa Southwest Health - Platteville, Wisconsin Springfield Memorial Hospital - Springfield, Illinois \*primary external supplemental provider to the blood program of Mercy Hospital St. Louis

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital - St. Louis, Missouri SSM Health DePaul Hospital - Bridgeton, Missouri SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital - Mt. Vernon, Illinois SSM Health Monroe Hospital - Monroe, Wisconsin SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital - Fond du Lac, Wisconsin SSM Health St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo, Wisconsin SSM Health St. Clare Hospital - Fenton, Missouri SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - Lake St. Louis, Missouri SSM Health St. Joseph Hospital - St. Charles, Missouri SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital - St. Louis, Missouri SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital - Centralia, Illinois SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital - Janesville, Wisconsin SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital - Jefferson City, Missouri SSM Health St. Marv's Hospital - Madison, Wisconsin SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital - St. Louis, Missouri SSM Health Rehabilitation Hospital - Richmond Heights, Missouri SSM Health Ripon Medical Center - Ripon, Wisconsin SSM Health Waupun Memorial Hospital - Waupun, Wisconsin St. Luke's Des Peres Hospital - St. Louis, Missouri St. Luke's Hospital - Chesterfield, Missouri St. Margaret's Health - Spring Valley, Illinois Stoughton Health - Stoughton, Wisconsin Taylorville Memorial Hospital - Taylorville, Illinois Touchette Regional Hospital - Centreville, Illinois UnityPoint Health Bettendorf - Bettendorf, Iowa UnityPoint Health - Finley Hospital - Dubuque, Iowa UnityPoint Health - Jones Regional Medical Center - Anamosa, Iowa UnityPoint Health Moline - Moline, Illinois UnityPoint Health Muscatine - Muscatine, Iowa UnityPoint Health - Methodist - Peoria, Illinois UnityPoint Health - Proctor - Peoria, Illinois UnityPoint Health - Pekin - Pekin, Illinois UnityPoint Health Rock Island - Rock Island, Illinois UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital - Cedar Rapids, Iowa University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics - Iowa City, Iowa\* Upland Hills Health - Dodgeville, Wisconsin Van Buren County Hospital - Keosaugua, Iowa VA Illiana Health Care System - Danville, Illinois Washington County Hospital and Clinics - Washington, Iowa

\*primary external supplier of blood products, supplementing the blood program at the DeGowin Blood Center of the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City





#### **NEW SERVICE HOSPITALS IN 2021**

Boone Hospital Columbia, MO Kirby Medical Center Monticello, IL Memorial Hospital Carthage, IL Ripon Medical Center Ripon, WI Saint Margaret's Health Spring Valley, IL Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital Rushville, IL SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital Fon du Lac, WI SSM Health Waupun Memorial Hospital Waupun, WI VA Illiana Health Care System Danville, IL



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