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Hillsdale College Community Health GOAL Program Hosts Blood Drive

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College’s Community Health Great Opportunities for Assistance and Leadership (GOAL) volunteer program held a blood drive at the Searle Center on Feb. 28. About 80 students, staff, and faculty plus members of the Hillsdale community came to donate. Donations contributed to local health initiatives.

“Giving blood is a very tangible way to show your love and support for the local community. There is always a constant need for blood, and students can make a difference by saving people’s lives,” said Beth Potwardowski (’23), student leader of the Hillsdale College GOAL Community Health Program.

Hillsdale College’s GOAL programs create service opportunities for students of the College to serve the local Hillsdale community. The GOAL Community Health Program aims to improve local wellness by supporting health initiatives and nonprofit organizations throughout Hillsdale County.

“I’ve been giving blood since my freshman year, but volunteering this past summer in an emergency department showed me the impact of blood donations,” said Potwardowski. “We had several people come in severely damaged from car accidents, and they needed blood constantly until they were stabilized. They would have died without blood donations. This experience cemented my commitment to donate regularly and encourage others to donate.”

In addition to holding blood drives, GOAL Community Health offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, both in the community and on-campus, through college-wide blood drives and bone marrow donor registry events. The group is comprised of roughly 120 student volunteers.

View a photo [here](#).

About Hillsdale GOAL Community Health

Through Community Health, students assist local women and their families by volunteering with Helping Hands Pregnancy Resource Center and the Early Pregnancy Loss Association; serve individuals otherwise unable to access health care through St. Peter’s Free Clinic and Smiles on Wheels Mobile Dental Clinic; and spend time with patients at the Hospice of Hillsdale County.

Additionally, GOAL Community Health organizes and offers a holistic health program for Hillsdale High School that focuses on emotional, mental, and social health.

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.2 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.