



# Blood Donation Drive



## In Honour of Answering **T.T.P.** Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura Foundation

Christine Carrion, a wife and mother of three, began having unexplained symptoms including a rash, extreme fatigue, tunnel vision, severe headache and numbness in her face when she was just 33 years old. After a visit to her local doctor's office, routine blood work showed that her platelets were dangerously low and that she needed to go to the nearest Emergency Room where the life changing diagnosis of Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP) was made by the head haematologist.

Christine was admitted and immediately started on plasma exchange treatment, required by TTP patients. Plasma Exchange is where a patient's entire blood volume is exchanged through a machine to replace the plasma portion of her blood with that of donated blood plasma. Patients can require multiple rounds of this treatment during a TTP crisis, meaning TTP patients require a lot of donor blood to save their lives.

Christine experienced two additional TTP crises while in the hospital, making her stay a total of five weeks to receive live-saving treatments. Through those treatments, Christine has required approximately 600 blood donations in total to save her life alone. She, her husband, 3 children and the rest of her family are thankful for all those selfless strangers that donated the blood that saved her life.



**Tuesday, July 21, 2015**  
**1:30 pm - 6:30 pm**

Savin Rock Conference Center  
6 Rock St, West Haven, CT 06516

**REMEMBER to EAT BREAKFAST  
and DRINK WATER before coming!**

## Registration

Online @ **RedCrossBlood.org**  
or call **1-800-Red-Cross.**

TTP is a rare blood disorder that is considered a true medical emergency. Treatment requires approximately 10 blood donors per treatment. This usually translates to about **150 gifts of blood per patient per TTP flare**. Treatment is 80 to 90% effective. Without treatment 95% of TTP patients die.

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**Please pass this along to others who may be interested in attending.**