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Commerce Lexington to Host Blood Drive May 23

Community asked to help save lives in recognition of Bob Quick's cancer fight

Lexington – Commerce Lexington Inc. and Kentucky Blood Center are partnering together to host a special blood drive on **Tuesday, May 23** in honor of Bob Quick, Commerce Lexington President and CEO.

"Twelve years ago, Commerce Lexington Inc. worked with Kentucky Blood Center representatives and elected officials at the state and federal levels to bring passage of legislation that helped modernize and expand the Center's current facilities and footprint. Upon that decision, I did not realize the full impact the Kentucky Blood Center would have on me and countless others in our region today. When you give blood, you are giving a very personal gift of life," said Mr. Quick.

Diagnosed with Lymphoma earlier this year, Mr. Quick has been undergoing treatments at Markey Cancer Center for the last several months. Commerce Lexington staff members felt strongly that they wanted to do something in his name that would both support his courageous fight and help so many people in need across Kentucky.

The Commerce Lexington Blood Drive in Honor of Bob Quick is Tuesday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Commerce Lexington, located at 330 East Main Street. There will be free parking behind the building, and overflow parking will be available across the street at Main and Rose, courtesy of Phil Holoubek and LRC.

"Bob is a great friend of the community and KBC. We appreciate him encouraging others to give blood to help Kentucky patients like him throughout the Commonwealth, and we look forward to his quick recovery," said Bill Reed, Kentucky Blood Center's President and CEO.

No appointments are necessary but can be made by visiting kybloodcenter.org and clicking on the Donor Login button at the bottom of the page or by calling **800.775-2522, ext. 3758**.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Donors must also show a photo I.D. with first and last name, like a state-issued driver's license. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

About Kentucky Blood Center

Founded nearly 50 years ago, KBC is the largest independent, full-service, non-profit blood center in Kentucky. Licensed by the FDA, KBC's sole purpose is to collect, process and distribute blood for patients in Kentucky. KBC has donor centers in Lexington, Louisville, Pikeville and Somerset.