

# Blood Drive for James

**Donate blood.  
Save a life.**

SATURDAY, DEC. 7  
9 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
ST. ANDREW CHURCH  
3546 N. PAULINA ST.  
CHICAGO, IL 60657  
Social Hall

To schedule an appointment call Vitalant at  
877.258.4825 or visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use  
group code: SACC.

SUNDAY, DEC. 8  
9 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
1429 W WELLINGTON AVE.  
CHICAGO, IL 60657  
FESTIVAL HALL/  
LOWER CHURCH

To schedule an appointment call Vitalant at  
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Presenting donors will receive a Vitalant long  
sleeve T-shirt.

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY**  
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On Aug. 7, 2018, James McCarthy was a seemingly healthy soon-to-be 2 year old just days away from a family vacation with parents Dan and Rita. Thinking their toddler son had a sinus infection, their doctor took blood samples.

When the McCarthys spoke with the doctor, they learned James' white blood cell count was abnormally high – around 32,000 when 5,000 to 10,000 is normal – and recommended they make an appointment at Lurie Children's Hospital to have additional tests done. There, doctors delivered a bombshell diagnosing James with an extremely rare and serious blood cancer called juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia.

In the following months, James would be in the hospital countless days, including a long stretch in the pediatric ICU. He would ultimately need a bone marrow transplant in his battle against JMML and thanks to a perfect match in the database the procedure was able to take place last December. In addition, **James also needed more than 150 blood and platelet transfusions** from August 2018 through February 2019 as part of his recovery.

Give a pint at the Blood Drive for James to celebrate his recovery and help replenish the blood supply!

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