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# News Release

## **Family and friends of Judith Maschak hosting Red Cross blood drive in her memory.**

Coral , PA — The Indiana community is invited to join the family and friends of Judith Maschak to help save lives by donating blood through the American Red Cross on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Coral.

Judith bravely battled Multiple Myeloma (cancer of blood plasma) for 8 1/2 years. She received countless blood transfusions during her illness along with platelets. Before she was diagnosed in 2012, Judith was a Red Cross blood donor and had donated nearly 2 gallons!.

“My mother was the strongest woman I’ll ever know,” said Judith’s daughter Samantha Sbardella, “she never, ever complained, and never gave up. Judith always wanted to help someone who had it worse than she .”

According to the Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer, or sickle cell disease. All blood types are needed.

Download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.