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Blood Centers of the Pacific Announces Merger with BloodSource

San Francisco, CA - Blood Centers of the Pacific (BCP) is merging operations with BloodSource, based in Sacramento. Together, the two organizations will be part of Blood Systems, a Phoenix-area nonprofit organization. Blood Systems, a leader in transfusion medicine services, operates blood centers that serve more than 700 hospitals in 24 states. BCP has been affiliated with Blood Systems for the past 15 years. The joined organizations now form the largest blood supplier in Northern and Central California. The transaction is targeted to close by year-end.

As hospitals form regional, state and national systems, they often seek one blood service provider. As one organization supported by the national resources of Blood Systems, BCP and BloodSource are poised to respond to larger hospital system opportunities.

"In coming together as one organization, BCP and BloodSource will be poised to collect and distribute more than 300,000 units of blood, blood components and platelets, while offering the most comprehensive blood management services in northern California," said BCP President and CEO Dr. Nora Hirschler.

"Our organizations share a common mission and commitment to both donors and patients," said Rob Van Tuyle, BloodSource CEO. "We are extremely excited about our collaboration with BCP and Blood Systems, access to the vast resources of these organizations and how together, we can better serve our community."

BloodSource and BCP will continue to utilize their respective names and serve their existing communities in Northern and Central California. Van Tuyle will be the executive in charge of the two merged organizations. Current BCP CEO and President Nora Hirschler will retire in spring 2016 as she has planned.

About Blood Centers of the Pacific Blood Centers of the Pacific is a nonprofit, community-based organization that provides blood components to hospitals, physicians and patients throughout Northern California. Blood Centers of the Pacific also houses the Blood Systems Research Institute which conducts medical research to improve blood safety and patient care. Blood Centers of the Pacific helps 50,000 patients every year with blood donated by community volunteers. www.bloodcenters.org

About BloodSource Since 1948, BloodSource® has saved countless lives through the generosity of its passionate volunteer donor base. Established as a not-for-profit community blood bank, BloodSource® provides blood and medical expertise to hospitals throughout Northern and Central California, and around the world. Donors can save lives in many ways at BloodSource®, through source plasma, platelets, transfusable plasma or whole blood donations. www.bloodsource.org

About Blood Systems Blood Systems, one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit community blood services providers – operates community blood centers serving more than 700 hospitals in 24 states, biological products distribution services, a quality consulting group and a world-renowned transfusion medicine research institute, and is a partner in the operation of high-volume donor testing laboratories. www.bloodsystems.org