

# What Happens to My Blood After I Donate?

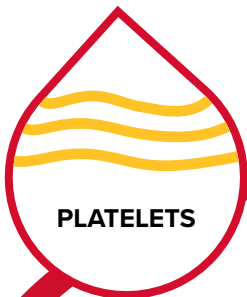
**1** Blood is collected into a sterile bag and marked to identify its type.



**2** Blood is transported to The Blood Connection testing and processing lab.

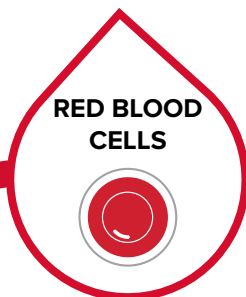


**3** At the lab, blood is separated into various components.



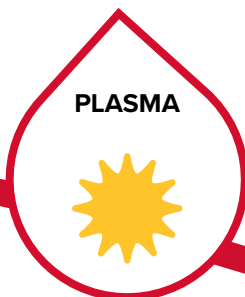
**PLATELETS**

Helps people with clotting, bruising and bleeding



**RED BLOOD CELLS**

Helps those with anemia or who have lost blood through trauma or surgery



**PLASMA**

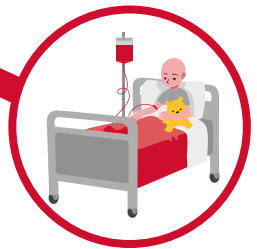
Helps people who have experienced shock, burns or clotting issues

**4** Blood undergoes testing to confirm it is safe for transfusion.



**5** Blood travels to local hospitals via a TBC courier.

**6** When a neighbor needs blood, it is transfused to them.



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