## IDOC Kicks Off Facility Blood Drive Competition

Indianapolis, Indiana (July 10, 2009) – Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facilities across Indiana are competing to donate the most blood to the American Red Cross.

IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss recognized that many facilities held blood drives separately throughout the year. Now, he's challenged the facilities to work together, with a competitive spirit, to donate even more blood to the American Red Cross. In the coming weeks and months, most IDOC facilities will host employee blood drives and compete against similarly-sized facilities for the most blood donated.

The IDOC has teamed up with Correctional Medical Services (CMS), ARAMARK, and the Geo Group, Inc. to host the blood drive competition.

"IDOC employees consistently give back to their communities in a variety of ways, and this agency-wide blood drive competition works as a great motivator and avenue through which we all can do even more," said Commissioner Buss. "With our partners, we will work hand in hand to save lives."

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