



# Shelby County Government

**MARK H. LUTTRELL, JR.**  
MAYOR

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As public servants we at Shelby County Government are called each day to make our community a better place. We work hard to support our citizens, and we often step above and beyond.

You may have seen a news story recently about a young St. Jude Research Hospital patient named Cameron. He has sickle cell disease, and doctors are working hard to give him a chance at a normal life.

One of the key parts of Cameron's treatment is blood transfusions, which often come from local volunteer donors. Patients like Cameron need receive blood from Lifeblood, our community's only local volunteer donor center. Now, Lifeblood needs our help.

Today (June 23) and tomorrow (June 24), Lifeblood will be holding blood drives at several Shelby County facilities. The blood collected through a typical campaign provides just a day's supply for our community—300 units—and is vital for children like Cameron.

Whether a patient gets 15 extra minutes to say goodbye to loved ones or 50 years to raise a family, a transfusion of blood from a volunteer donor like you can literally change someone's entire world.

Lifeblood will provide t-shirts and refreshments. Donors may also register to win a \$50 Walmart gift card. The real gift, though, is much larger and more significant

There is no substitute for human blood, and blood for patient transfusion must come from volunteer, non-paid donors. To make an appointment, visit [www.clublifeblood.org](http://www.clublifeblood.org) or call your department coordinator. Please help our community by giving the gift of life.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.  
Mayor