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NEWS RELEASE

5th Grade Students Say a Big Thank You to Blood Donors

SCRANTON, PA February 9, 2009— 5th grade students at Robert Morris Elementary School, Scranton, did something special this February for blood donors in Lackawanna County. After learning about the miracle of blood donation through “*Ned and the Gift of Life, A Lesson about Blood*”, Mrs. Wrightson’s class wanted to do something to say thank you to blood donors for helping to save so many lives.

Working with the American Red Cross, the students decided to make Valentine’s cards for donors giving blood in February. “We discovered that blood donors in Lackawanna County give over 12,000 pints of blood a year, and we wanted to say thank you, for all the people they’ve helped” said Mrs. Wrightson. The students designed and hand made over 1000 cards that will be given to donors at blood drives throughout Lackawanna County during the month of February. Each card carries a personal message of thanks. The Lackawanna County Chapter expects to see over 1000 donors in the month of February alone.

To find a blood drive in Lackawanna County, schedule an appointment to give blood or learn how to give blood, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

PHOTO 1: Mrs. Karin Wrightson, her 5th Grade class, Linda Gavin, Director of Blood Services, American Red Cross of Lackawanna County, Mr. David Bieri, Principal, Robert Morris Elementary School.

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