

*Rock River Valley*

**BLOOD CENTER**

*Straight From the Heart*



**Karnival of Karnage to Offer Free Admission to Blood Donors at  
Rock River Valley Blood Center**

Beginning Monday, October 3 and running through October 29, area blood donors will receive 1 free admission pass to the Karnival of Karnage Haunted House in Belvidere (\$10 value). Anyone that donates blood at a local blood center or mobile blood drive location will be offered a free pass. The Karnival of Karnage has graciously donated these passes to help thank blood donors for their lifesaving gift. "We love this kind of partnership. Blood Centers and donors have long played on the vampire connection. This is a fun way to thank our donors and help to promote an awesome community event," said Jennifer Bowman. For information about the Karnival of Karnage visit [www.karnivalofkarnage.com](http://www.karnivalofkarnage.com).

Donating blood is safe and simple. You are most likely able to donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health. Persons taking medications are not necessarily disqualified. There are four community donor centers throughout the area (Belvidere, Freeport, Rockford) as well as many mobile blood drives. Log on to [www.rrvbc.org](http://www.rrvbc.org) for hours, directions and mobile blood drive schedules.

The Rock River Valley Blood Center serves as a centralized, community blood center and is the sole provider of blood products and services to Beloit Memorial Hospital, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, FHN, Mercy Harvard Hospital, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Rochelle Community Hospital, Rockford Health System, SwedishAmerican Health System and SwedishAmerican Medical Center—Belvidere. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, please call toll free 877-RRVBC-99 or find RRVBC on the web at [www.rrvbc.org](http://www.rrvbc.org).

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