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MISSOULA--

Tuesday's four-hour blood drawing at the University of Montana resulted in the donation of 136 units of blood, a total of 36 units above the quota.

Mrs. Harriet Veazey of Missoula, executive director of the Missoula-Mineral Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross, said a number of Tuesday's donations will be used to replace blood needed by patients who will undergo open heart surgery within the next several weeks at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

There were 147 prospective donors who signed up to give blood Tuesday at UM. Veazey said the deferment of only 11 of the donors is considerably below the usual deferment rate of between 10 and 15 percent.

"We appreciate very much the response for the extra blood obtained Tuesday for the open heart operations," Veazey said.