

Rich Ramirez, New York



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Comedian Rich Ramirez is used to keeping audiences in stitches. But when diagnosed with colon cancer in 1995, it was no laughing matter. Ninety percent of his large intestine was removed, and Rich ultimately had a liver transplant. Five pints of blood from anonymous donors helped save his life.



Lauren Larsen, Colorado

Just a year-and-a-half after a frightening medical crisis during childbirth nearly took her life (and required 250 units of blood to save her life), Lauren Larsen successfully completed the 26.2 mile New York City Marathon on 11/3/01 with her husband Jeff!

Like four-and-a-half million other Americans, Lauren would not be here without life-saving blood transfusions. Just hours after an emergency C-section to save the life of her daughter Clare, her liver and kidneys failed and she slipped into a severe coma. For several weeks her life hung in a delicate balance. While the exact cause of her illness is still uncertain, one thing is clear. She is alive because of the 250 people who made sure blood was available when she needed it most. Jeff's shirt says it all...Thank you blood donors!

Why Donate Blood?

Every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Those of us blessed with good health can share it through donating blood -- to enable a premature baby to live, a burn victim to recover, a cancer patient to be treated, an accident victim to survive, or a transplant candidate to have a life-giving surgery. Giving blood costs nothing and makes you feel great knowing you've touched someone's life! Whether you are a blood donor or have never donated at all, watch this video. Klairyssa is alive and well today thanks to blood donors who gave blood to make sure it was available when she needed it

