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Young Marines host blood drive

The Temecula Valley Young Marines responded to the urgent re-

quests for blood from the Red Cross and the San Diego Blood Bank by organizing a blood drive. On Sunday, July 10, the Temecula Valley Young Marines had their First Annual Blood Drive at the Murrieta Community Center. The event was a success, bringing in more than 85 willing donors and 68 usable units of blood. What made this blood drive so successful was the fact that there were 22 new donors. The event drew donors from all over the valley. Each donor received a car flag, a Soak City Water Park ticket, a Chili's Appetizer and a Red Cross t-shirt. The Young Marines were on hand to offer snacks and goodies in appreciation for the donations that could save lives. The Temecula Valley Young Marines stood on the

street corner and waved in donors to participate in the event.

One of the first-time donors was very uneasy and almost backed out but changed her mind when a Red Cross technician explained to her that the small amount of blood they were taking from her could save the lives of six children.

The look of fear on her face changed to a look of happiness and she eagerly offered her arm for the taking.

With such a shortage of blood for the nation the Temecula Valley Young Marines call upon everyone who is eligible to donate blood today. If your business or organization would like to sponsor a blood drive go to www.give4life.org to find out more information. It is simple, fun and completely fulfilling. The Temecula Valley Young

Marines also want to show their appreciation to all the veterans who have served in the Armed Services. Once again they will be conducting interviews for the Library of Congress Veteran's History Project. On August 13 and 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., they will be holding interviews at the Murrieta Community Center on Juniper Street in Murrieta. It is important that the veterans of today can share their stories with the children of tomorrow. The Library of Congress has more information regarding the Veteran's History Project on its Web site, www.local.gov/forklift/yets/vets-home.html. Please come and share your stories with the Temecula Valley Young Marines. Your stories will be documented and recorded to become a part of history forever. Please bring copies

of any historical documentation or memorabilia to record with your interview. The Temecula Valley Young Marines will hand deliver all veterans' interviews to Washington, DC, this November the week of Veteran's Day. Every

veteran's story is worth telling. For more information please contact the Temecula Valley Young Marines at youngmarines@speedband.com, or you may schedule an appointment for your interview by calling Mrs. Guiles at (951) 587-6002.