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**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Hall County Airport Authority**

Hosting a BLOOD DRIVE at the

**Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center**

3600 N. Academy Road | Grand Island

**Thursday, May 21, 2015**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

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# Story of Hope



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**Lamya** | Blood and platelet recipient

In the spring of 2013, Lamya Luckey was just about to wrap up kindergarten in Wood River, Nebraska. She was typically energetic and full of life, but the weeks leading up to her sixth birthday were much different.

Lamya was suddenly struggling with headaches and frequently vomiting. It was initially believed to be a sinus infection, but just a week after her birthday, they discovered it was far more serious – medulloblastoma, a high-risk, fast-growing tumor in the cerebellum.

The discovery of this lime-sized tumor in Lamya's brain marked the end of her days in kindergarten and the start of months of treatment far away from home. Lamya underwent radiation for weeks before beginning chemotherapy in August 2013 at Children's Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

"She constantly needed blood and platelets," said Lamya's mom, Renee Luckey. "I didn't understand how important blood donation was before this."

Lamya and Renee spent nearly six months at Children's Hospital, including Christmas Day. While sitting at Lamya's bedside, Renee spotted an American Red Cross holiday blood drive posted on Facebook. It happened to be just minutes from the hospital. Renee snuck away to donate blood for the very first time, knowing this was a real way to make a positive difference for patients in need, just like her daughter.



**After a medulloblastoma diagnosis, Lamya Luckey underwent radiation and chemotherapy. Lamya needed blood and platelet products.**

One year later, on the day after Christmas, Lamya and Renee celebrated the anniversary of Lamya's release from the hospital by going back to a holiday blood drive, this time close to home. Lamya got to stand by her mom's side, cheering her on as she donated blood once again.

Today, Lamya has no evidence of disease and is enjoying first grade. Lamya's family continues to advocate blood and platelet donation to help patients in need.

