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## NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER JOINS BLOOD CENTERS OF AMERICA

West Warwick, RI, July 20, 2017– [Blood Centers of America \(BCA\)](#) announced today that [New York Blood Center \(NYBC\)](#) has joined its network of blood and source plasma collection centers.

BCA is a national, member-owned network of over 50 independent blood centers – each of which has a singular focus of providing high-quality blood products for patients in their communities. As one of the largest independent community-based blood centers in the world, NYBC will expand BCA’s share of the total U.S. blood supply to nearly 40 percent.

“New York Blood Center’s commitment to quality blood products, innovative research and transfusion medicine leadership make them an ideal member of BCA,” said John Armitage, M.D., Chairman of BCA. “We are excited to add New York Blood Center’s unique services and expertise to our own, and collaborate to serve more communities across the country.”

Christopher D. Hillyer, M.D., President and CEO of NYBC, said: “We’re extremely pleased to be partnering with such an excellent organization. NYBC is looking forward to working with all of the members of BCA to move our missions forward through the collaborative efforts of BCA.”

### **About New York Blood Center**

NYBC was founded in 1964 and serves more than 40 million people across New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, Nebraska, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and the Kansas City metropolitan area. The organization collects approximately 3,500 units of blood each day in collaboration with its partners Community Blood Center of Kansas City, Missouri (CBC), Innovative Blood Resources (IBR), headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota and Rhode Island Blood Center (RIBC) in Providence, RI.

## **About Blood Centers of America**

Blood Centers of America (BCA) is a member-owned organization comprised of over 50 independent blood centers throughout the North America, representing nearly 40 percent of the U.S. blood supply. Along with their core business of providing a substantial portion of U.S. blood supply, other BCA member services include patient blood management, transfusion services, immunohematology testing, therapeutic apheresis, and tissue and cord blood banking. In addition, BCA members provide a variety of human blood products, cells and tissues to the therapeutic, diagnostic and cell therapy industries. Learn more at [www.bca.coop](http://www.bca.coop).

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