



TASC FORCE

TEAM ACTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES

Kelly Galvin, our GM in Belmont Shore, has organized more than a dozen TASC Force events with her restaurant team. For many of these, she also invites participation from nearby BJ's restaurants. Last weekend, she worked with the **American Red Cross** to set up a blood drive, and here is her summary of the day:

"With the support of my team members and others from **BJ's Montebello** we were able to surpass our estimated goal of blood donations for the day. We handed out fresh baked cookies to anyone who donated blood and also gave cookies to passersby informing them of future blood drives. I never realized how much hard work went into the preparation for blood drives until I got involved with the Red Cross. In order to make any blood drive successful you must meet the minimum goal set for the drive, which means you have to confirm that you will have a certain number of donors. I figured that hosting the blood drive on Second Street and giving away free Pizookies would be enough to reach our minimum but I didn't realize that sometimes the Red Cross cannot use all the blood that is collected. I asked for help from **Ashley Ellis**, one of my servers, and she called some of her friends who donated to ensure that we would meet the minimum. We also received blood donations from **Amanda Gomez, Brandy Anguiano, and Glenda Rivas** from Montebello and **Evelyn Esponda** from Belmont.

It is always a great feeling when your team rises to the occasion, and I thank the following team members, some of whom donated blood and some donated their time: **Erin McPherson, Jordan Butcher, Blaise Delgado, Marian Thomas, Josephine Delgado** from Belmont Shore; and **Justine Martinez, Amanda Gomez, Brandy Anguiano** and **Samantha Del Rio** from Montebello.

For other restaurants considering a blood drive TASC Force event, just contact the American Red Cross or go to www.volunteermatch.org

I want to thank my team **Belmont Shore**, team **Montebello** and **GM Roman Cuevas** for getting his team members to come support this very precious cause. With everyone's support we were able to save and prolong the lives of 78 people in need."

Thanks Kelly for all you do for your community and for supporting our TASC Force program.

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