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BOB HOPE AIRPORT HOLDS 8th ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE AND ADDS BONE MARROW SCREENING

There Will Be Added Meaning at the Annual Bob Hope Airport Red Cross Blood Drive Later This Month – Mounting an Effort to Save the Life of a Fellow Employee

BURBANK, Calif., August 10, 2004 – The Bob Hope Airport and Southwest Airlines will host a combined bone marrow screening and blood drive on August 27, 2004, in hopes of saving the life of Nick Salazar, who works for Southwest Airlines at the airport. Members of the public are invited to donate blood and/or to volunteer for screening for bone marrow donation.

Salazar was diagnosed with acute leukemia last August. Without a bone marrow transplant, there is little hope that he will survive.

“This will add new meaning to our eighth annual blood drive. We’ve collected hundreds of pints of blood since we started in 1997, but this time we have a chance to make a real difference for someone we know,” said Lucy Burghdorf, airport manager of community relations.

Salazar joined Southwest Airlines at Bob Hope Airport in January 2001. He is 28 years old, single, and served six years in the United States military prior to joining Southwest.

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Currently, he is too ill to work and is living at home with his parents who are caring for him while he undergoes chemotherapy.

“Since Southwest Airlines commenced operations at the Bob Hope Airport in 1990, Southwest has been very active in the community and quite generous providing free Southwest Airlines tickets for various charitable and community organizations in town,” Burghdorf said. “We hope some of that goodwill will come back from members of the community at large now that one of Southwest’s own is in need.”

For more information, contact Lucy Burghdorf at (818) 840-8840. The blood and bone marrow drive will take place August 27, 2004, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Skyroom at Bob Hope Airport, 2627 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505, Terminal A, second floor.