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MEDIA RELEASE

PHARMACY STUDENTS SEE RED

The NAPSA Vampire Cup blood drive has recently wrapped up for 2010 and NAPSA is proud to announce a record number of blood donations. Eleven of NAPSA's fourteen branches participated in this year's Vampire Cup initiative which ran from 23rd August to 1st October.

One donation can save three lives and this year NAPSA is thrilled to reveal a record 181 donations from pharmacy students across Australia. NAPSA's donations reached an amazing 543 people in critical need. The Annual Vampire Cup aims to raise awareness of blood donations, combat the continual need for blood in Australia, and foster community spirit amongst Australian pharmacy students.

In the spirit of friendly competition, NAPSA are pleased to announce Pharmers' Society Wagga Wagga as the winners of the 2010 Vampire Cup. Pharmers' Society recorded 55 donations totaling 34% of their membership base. Congratulations must be extended to Pharmers' President, Lauren Ryan and NAPSA Treasurer and Pharmers' National Councillor, Timothy Mizzi, for coordinating such a successful blood drive in Wagga Wagga.

Coming in a very close second were students from Bendigo Association of Pharmacy Students (BAPS) with 28 donations (21% of their membership base) and the Tasmanian Association of Pharmacy Students (TAPS) in third place with 26 donations (18% of their membership base).

Pharmers' will be presented with the NAPSA Vampire Cup trophy at the 2011 NAPSA Congress to be held in Adelaide from 24th - 30th January. NAPSA would like to thank the Australian Red Cross for their support again this year and we look forward to working with them again in 2011.



NAPSA's Publications Chair and Griffith University Pharmacy Student Bethany Cooper donating blood at the Red Cross Donor Centre on the Gold Coast.

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