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MDOC Employees to Donate Blood for Brain Cancer Patient

JACKSON –The Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Mississippi Blood Services are hosting a blood drive Tuesday for a 22-year-old woman diagnosed with brain cancer last year.

The blood drive for Kechaunna Gaddis will be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. outside the Central Office on North State Street.

The MBS Donor Coach will be stationed next door in the parking area of the Mississippi Bar, 643 N. State St., a block north of the state Capitol.

Gaddis, who is studying law enforcement at Hinds Community College, is scheduled for surgery soon to remove tumors, and will need approximately 45 units of blood.

Anyone wishing to donate must have a valid ID and weigh at least 110 pounds.

“I appreciate the MDOC employees and anyone else for donating blood to help this young lady,” Commissioner Pelicia E. Hall said. “We take for granted having enough blood, but we never know when we or someone we know, including our co-workers, family members or friends, will suddenly need it. Therefore, we should take the time to give.”

MBS will be providing T-shirts to donors while supplies last.