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Village Square Welcomes United Blood Services Bloodmobile for Donor Appreciation Month During April Third Thursdays Car Show & Festival April 21 Village Square Also Celebrates Toys 4 Smiles 10th Year Anniversary

LAS VEGAS – The focus of this month's *Third Thursdays* at Village Square is to support local nonprofit organizations that help the Las Vegas community. The need for blood donations is high during Donor Appreciation Month. Each blood donation saves the life of up to three recipients. United Blood Services is hoping to meet the goal of at least 20 blood donations during the Village Square blood drive this Thursday, April 21 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at 9400 W. Sahara Avenue and Ft. Apache Rd.

Also this Thursday, Toys 4 Smiles, which has been a monthly mainstay during this year's *Thursdays* Car Show and Festivals, is celebrating its 10th year anniversary this month as well as reaching the goal of handing out 250,000 hand-made wooden toy cars and trucks to local children needing a smile throughout our community.

To show their appreciation to the community, both organizations will be giving away free items to those who participate. To mark Donor Appreciation Month United Blood Services will thank each person who donates blood with a free limited edition Nevada Donor T-shirt. Toys 4 Smiles will be giving away hand-made wooden toy cars and trucks made by their volunteers to each child present at Village Square.

In addition to supporting local non-profits who do important work for the community, this *Third Thursdays* will also host its popular classic car and hot rod car show as well as a growing roster of several unique local arts and crafts vendors such as Nerdtastic Craftations, ReThreads: Foxy Style, Walsh's Woodworks, KF Artistry, Jelle Soaps, 1 Veteran Designs, Purses by Linda, Lucy Lyn Designs, Syllie Rocks, Mad Girl with a Box, Artsy Creations, and Mystic Herb Shop, and many others. Raffles prizes, children's balloon artist and music will round out the special monthly event.

For more information on Village Square and its special events please call (702) 625-4108 or visit <u>http://govillagesquare.com</u>. Follow Village Square on Facebook.com/GoVillageSquare and on Twitter.com/GoVillageSquare #ThirdThursday.

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