

Please give serious consideration to making a blood donation on Audrey's behalf. Mark it on your calendar. Place a note in your Blackberry. Make a point to go out of your way to help with this drive and join us in celebrating her first birthday.

“Even while serving as an Environmental Health Specialist for the Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness, I never fully appreciated the need for blood donations. October 20, 2008 was one of the happiest days of my life. My daughter **Audrey Ann Nethery** was born. She was 4 weeks early and weighed 4lbs 10oz. The hospital stay lasted for 3 weeks and during that time Audrey received a blood transfusion. Doctors said transfusions were common for premature infants and there was no need to worry. Unfortunately a few days after Christmas, my wife and I found ourselves at the emergency room at Kosair Children's Hospital. Audrey's red blood cell count was dangerously low. During this visit Audrey received her second blood transfusion. Since then, Audrey has been diagnosed with **Diamond Blackfan Anemia**. (for more information, click on the links below.)

[www.dbafoundation.org](http://www.dbafoundation.org)  
<http://rarediseases.about.com/cs/blackfandiamond/a/.h072002tm>  
or [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond-Blackfan\\_anemia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamond-Blackfan_anemia)

The disorder is an extremely rare form of anemia (around 700 people worldwide have been diagnosed with this condition) in which the person's bone marrow does not produce red blood cells. Audrey needs to receive packed red blood cells every 3-4 weeks in order to survive. This has opened my eyes to the need for donated blood within our community. Everyday 38,000 units of blood are needed in our country. A person needs blood roughly every 2 seconds. My daughter would not survive if not for persons willing to donate blood. I am proud to announce that the Oldham County Schools Arts Center will be hosting the Audrey Ann Nethery blood drive. **The blood drive will take place on Friday, October 30, 2009 from 1:30PM-6:30PM in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Oldham County Schools Arts Center, 7105 Floydburg Road, Crestwood, KY 40014, 241-6018.** Blood donations will be made by appointment in order to limit a person's time at the drive, **BUT WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.** I just want to share information that donating blood saves lives and can affect people you know and work along side everyday. I am so appreciative to the individuals whose blood is within my daughter at this very moment. Without that blood my little angel would not be with us today. Thank you and please contact me at 574-8236 with any questions.....Scott Nethery”

Happy  
1<sup>st</sup> Birthday, Audrey!

With  
your help, Audrey can celebrate many, many birthdays to come.

**OLDHAM COUNTY  
SCHOOLS ARTS  
CENTER**

**OCTOBER  
30, 2009**

**1:30PM  
TO 6:30PM**

**MULTI-PURPOSE  
ROOM**

**(502)241-6018**

**CONTACT CORINNE LUVISI AT 241-6018  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**