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## Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Hosts Blood Drive in Honor of "The Mighty Quinn"

BRAINTREE – The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office hosted a blood drive yesterday in Braintree in honor of Quinn Waters, a five-year-old Weymouth boy known as "The Mighty Quinn" who is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy in his fight against brain cancer. The blood drive was held in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital at the Braintree Public Safety Complex.

"Quinn and his family have fought so bravely against this disease, while also fighting to help others," said Sheriff Patrick McDermott. "It is an honor to help out with their efforts by making a donation of blood, and I encourage everyone who can to donate blood."

Quinn was first diagnosed with brain cancer in 2019, which required an extensive period of home isolation. In February, his family announced that his cancer had returned and that Quinn would undergo more chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Quinn's family requested that the public make donations of blood and platelets to help other children in similar situations.

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office hosted two blood drives to collect donations of blood and platelets in Quinn's honor. The first was held on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, for NCSO employees at the Sheriff's Office in Dedham. Today's blood drive in Braintree was open to the public. In total, more than 50 people signed up to donate blood.

According to Boston Children's Hospital, the blood donations received at this week's blood drive will be used as early as this weekend for Boston Children's patients. Each adult donation can benefit up to four patients.

Those wishing to make blood donations who were not able to attend this week's blood drive can do so at Boston Children's Hospital's Blood Donor Center at 333 Longwood Ave in Boston. Appointments are preferred, but walk-in visits are welcome. To make an appointment, call 617-355-6677.

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