

VALLEY SNAPSHOT

Lewis Center students hold bi-annual blood drives Piercy honored as Humanitarian of the Year by LifeStream

Sunday, April 8, 2012. LifeStream honored Rick Piercy, founder and CEO of the Lewis Center for Educational Research and the Academy for Academic Excellence in Apple Valley as Humanitarian of the Year at their yearly 'Gift of Life Tribute' on March 14. Since 2003, Piercy has encouraged students at the Academy for Academic Excellence to take an active role in the community's ongoing need for voluntary blood donation.

The twice-a-year blood drives at the AAE are coordinated by Student ambassadors, Piercy and his executive assistant Teresa Dowd. To date, the AAE blood drives have collected over 1,000 units of blood.

An AAE student has been awarded an 'Academy of Giving' scholarship of \$1,500 to pursue higher education yearly since the scholarship began in 2008.

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GIFT OF LIFE: From left: Brandon Peterson, Parkar LaMothe and Kelsey Myers participate in the Academy for Academic Excellence's blood drive.

Rick Piercy

