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**IMAGE:** Photo of Troy Ross (courtesy of Vitalant-Rocky Mountain Facebook Page)

### **MCC Hosting Blood Drive in Honor of Montana Boy**

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College will be hosting a special blood drive through Vitalant Blood Donation, to be held on the college campus on Tuesday, June 28 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm.

This blood drive is in honor of Troy Ross of Great Falls, Montana, who was life flighted to Seattle Children's Hospital at the age of three and diagnosed with pulmonary capillaritis, a rare condition that caused his immune system to attack his lungs. As only one of a small number to survive, Troy has received countless treatments that required thousands of donors to create and use, including the nine pints of blood needed to be airlifted to Seattle at that young age.

Troy is now a happy and active seven-year-old and is currently in remission. Troy and his family know through the generosity of donations, that he is with them today.

This blood drive campaign created by Troy's parents is known as "#TroyStrong" and is held every June to honor Troy's birthday month. To become a donor or schedule an appointment, please call Sherri at 406-869-3054 or visit [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) and search "Miles City".

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