SOURCE PLASMA DONORS
If you are interested in becoming a donor:

1) Visit DonatingPlasma.org
2) Enter your zip code/city to find the location of a plasma center closest to you
3) Contact the center to learn of any specific requirements for donating your plasma
4) Request an appointment as a first-time donor

It takes commitment and dedication to become a source plasma donor—commitment to the rigorous donation screening process and dedication to lead a healthy lifestyle to remain a qualified donor.

To ensure quality and safety, plasma from one-time only donors is not used to produce medical therapies. Donors must return to the center, make a second donation within six months, and test negative for transmissible diseases on both occasions in order for their plasma to be used to help those in need.

DONATIONS NEEDED TO TREAT ONE PATIENT FOR ONE YEAR*

130: PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY DISEASE (Without treatment, patients can become chronically ill from severe, recurrent infections)

900: ALPHA-1 ANTITRYSIN DEFICIENCY (Without treatment, patients can have chronic emphysema and liver damage)

1200: HEMOPHILIA A (Without treatment, patients cannot regulate bleeding, which can be fatal if bleeding occurs in brain or vital organs)

*Based on 150 lb. adult treated for one year.
CHECK IN AT RECEPTION
When a new donor enters the plasma donation center, he or she checks in at the reception area and presents a government-issued ID with proof of current address. He or she then takes a few minutes to fill out a new donor history questionnaire.

HEALTH SCREENING AND PHYSICAL EXAM
In a private room, qualified medical staff at the center will ask questions to verify eligibility as a plasma donor, record the donor’s medical history, and check the donor’s name against the National Donor Deferral Registry® to make certain they are eligible to donate. Vital signs will be checked and a “fingerstick” check will be performed to measure the level of red blood cells and plasma proteins in the blood.

PLASMAPHERESIS PROCEDURE
Once the screening and exam are completed, trained medical staff will connect the donor to a plasmapheresis machine, which removes whole blood, separates the plasma from the other blood components, and then returns those components to the donor using a sterile, single-use medical kit.

THANKS FOR TIME AND COMMITMENT
Once a donor has completed donating, he or she is able to rest and recover in a dedicated area of the center, and is thanked for the valuable contribution made to the creation of life-saving therapies. The donor also receives compensation for the time and effort involved with donating plasma.

SCHEDULE THE NEXT VISIT
Before a donor leaves the center, he or she is encouraged to plan the next visit to donate plasma.