**Contact: Samantha Bright, Marketing Coordinator
Phone: (217) 875-7211, ext. 6212
Email: sjbright@richland.edu**

January 27, 2023

**Richland Community College Gives Back to Community with Richland Gives Back Day**

Decatur, IL – In honor of its 50th year, Richland Community College is hosting a donation event to give back to the community that has given so much to Richland for the last 50 years. Richland is inviting both its employees and the community to participate in **Richland Gives Back Day**. This event will be held in the Shilling Community Education Center on February 2nd and 3rd.

Richland is providing multiple avenues to support the Decatur community through donations online and in person. Richland will be collecting donated items for local organizations on Thursday, Feb 2nd from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 3rd from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The organizations set to receive donations include:

* American Red Cross
* Altrusa International Decatur Club
* Project Read Plus
* The Pantry at Richland
* Heritage Behavioral Health Center
* Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois
* Dove Inc.
* The Humane Society of Decatur & Macon County
* Decatur Block by Block

You can find a full list of donation requested items by going to [this link](https://www.richland.edu/50years/richland-gives-back-day/richland-gives-back-day-donation-items/).

On Friday, the American Red Cross will be onsite for blood donations from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors can register ahead of time by clicking [here](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive).

Also, on Friday, Richland will hold a celebration with lunch provided by Papa Murphy’s Pizza. An RSVP is kindly asked of those planning to attend the lunch. RSVP’s can be submitted on [Richland’s website](http://www.richland.edu/giveback).

You can learn more information and make online donations by going to [richland.edu/giveback](http://www.richland.edu/giveback)

**What**: Richland Gives Back Day

**When**: Feb. 2 & 3, 2023

* ***Thursday, Feb. 2*** *| Donate to the Community, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.*
* ***Friday, Feb. 3*** *| Donate to the Community, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.*
* ***Friday, Feb. 3*** *| American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.*
* ***Friday, Feb. 3*** *| Celebration with Papa Murphy’s Pizza, 12 p.m. | RSVP at* [*richland.edu/giveback*](http://www.richland.edu/giveback)

**Where**: Shilling Community Education Center (1 College Park, Decatur, IL 62521)

*The Shilling Center is located near Bistro 537 on the west end of campus.*

**About Richland Community College***Richland Community College has proudly and successfully served the citizens of district 537 through a strong mix of workforce, technical and transfer education for the past 50 years. Our dedicated staff provides diverse and meaningful support services to make every student’s experience both personal and rewarding. (*[*www.richland.edu*](http://www.richland.edu)*)*