



Mesa residents honored for blood donation records



MAX Donors of the Year David Clarkson, left, and Phillip Brown, right, met Keegan Gibbs, center, at an event April 11. Mr. Gibbs recently battled cancer and required more than 20 lifesaving blood transfusions (Submitted photo, United

Blood Services).

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Two Mesa residents have been named [United Blood Services](#) MAX Donors of the Year this month through nominations by center staff.

David Clarkson of Mesa has given blood 182 times since his first donation as a student at [Mesa Community College](#), according to a press release. He is motivated to donate by his son's diagnosis with and recovery from leukemia, according to the release.

Phillip Brown of Mesa has donated blood 452 times and achieved the highest number of donations among the MAX Donors of the Year, according to the release. He began donating after his father-in-law battled leukemia and his first wife was diagnosed with a low platelet count.

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