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Ottawa, ON – While few Canadians (15%) have thought of donating blood in someone's honour as a Christmas gift, half (50%) say that they would consider it now that it has been brought to their attention and close to nine in ten (86%) say that the would be happy if someone donated blood in their honour. In fact, half (49%) of Canadians say they would be very happy to receive a greeting card telling them that someone had donated blood in their honour over the holiday season.

The Ipsos-Reid survey was conducted from November 15 to November 17, 2005. For the survey, a representative randomly selected sample of 753 adult Canadians (excluding Quebec which is not serviced by Canadian Blood Services) was interviewed by telephone. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within \pm 3.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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