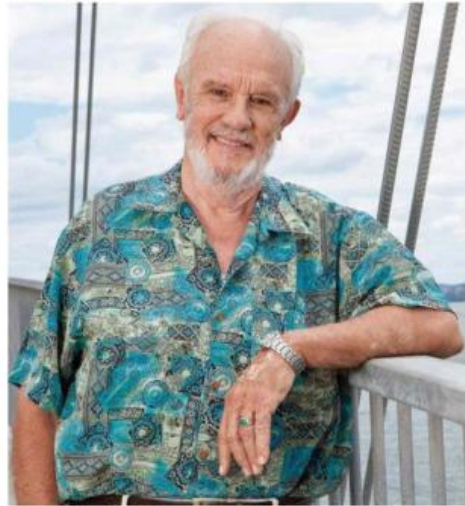


James Harrison

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Australian resident James Harrison was 1) _____ “Man with the Golden Arm” thanks to his lifetime commitment to blood donation. Harrison’s routine was 2) _____ enough for anyone, given how important blood donation is in general. But as fortune would have it, his blood contained a rare antibody, Anti-D, which is used to make medication given to pregnant mothers whose blood is at risk of attacking their unborn babies. It’s estimated that Harrison’s donated plasma saved the lives of over two million children in Australia.

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service, who paid 3) _____ to Harrison, said he had 4) _____ to become a donor after receiving transfusions while undergoing a major chest surgery when he was 14. Wanting to give back, he began to donate his blood at age 18 in 1954, and he never looked back. For the next six decades, Harrison would donate his plasma roughly every three weeks. By the time he retired at the age of 81, Harrison had donated his plasma 1,173 times.

Harrison never complained about his schedule, saying that the donation process didn’t cause him any pain. And he was proud of the role he played in helping people throughout the country, according to his daughter Tracey Mellowship, an anti-D recipient herself. He also hoped that his story would inspire others to follow 5) _____.

