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## **BLOODCENTER HOSTS ASTER GALA AT RESEARCH INSTITUTE World Renowned Scientist Celebrates 40 Years of Research**

In celebration of 40 years in science and medicine, BloodCenter of Wisconsin will host a gala in honor of Richard H. Aster, M.D. on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the Blood Research Institute (BRI), 8733 W. Watertown Plank Road in Wauwatosa. Gala event chairs are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Manegold and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams.

Dr. Aster is a Senior Investigator at BloodCenter of Wisconsin's BRI and is internationally recognized by his peers as an outstanding scientist and physician. Dr. Aster's contributions to hematology and transfusion medicine are many and varied. He is celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> year at BloodCenter and 40 years of consecutive NIH funding. Platelets and the body's immune reaction to platelets have been the focus of Dr. Aster's research. Areas of major emphasis have been matching of platelets for transfusion, molecular properties of platelet antigens and pathogenesis of drug-induced immune thrombocytopenia.

The event is a fundraiser which hopes to help increase awareness of the research efforts of BloodCenter scientists in the areas of immunology, heart disease and stroke and stem cell and cancer biology.

Almost 350 people are expected to attend. For more information on the event, please contact the Foundation Office at 414.937.3869.

BloodCenter of Wisconsin is a private, Wisconsin-based, non-profit organization and is one of only four blood centers in the United States with a significant blood research program. Its Blood Research Institute (BRI) is devoted solely and uniquely to blood-related research.

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