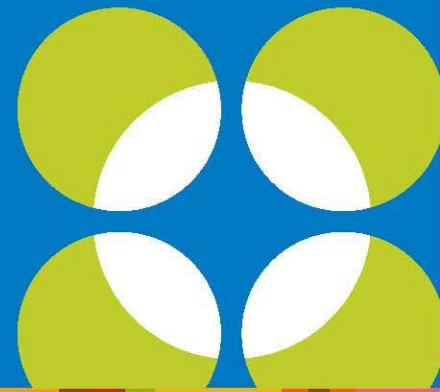


# Be involved. Transplant hope.

## Join the Be The Match Registry®.

Patients need you! For thousands with blood cancers like leukemia or other diseases like sickle cell anemia, a marrow transplant is their only hope for life. If you have diverse ancestry, patients especially need you because they are most likely to match someone who shares their heritage.



The power to change lives is in your hands! It's not every day that you're asked to save a Life...

Meet **Will Leonberger**. At age 3 (2002) he was diagnosed with a rare bone marrow failure syndrome called, *Shwachman Diamond Syndrome (SDS)*. *SDS* affects many parts of the body, particularly the bone marrow. In Will's case he suffered from severe chronic neutropenia (shortage of neutrophils within the white blood cells), which makes it hard to fight infection. Most people with *SDS* have a higher risk of developing *Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS)* and *Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)*. Will had bone marrow biopsies every 6 months to check his marrow. At 6 years old, his cells were preleukemic and he needed a bone marrow transplant to survive. Although, there is only a 25% chance of finding a **MATCH** in the family, Will found his perfect **10/10 MATCH**, from his younger brother, Jeb.

A year after Will's transplant (May 11, 2006), his family hosted a "celebration of life" bone marrow drive where hundreds of people joined the Registry. Today, 12 years after Will's successful bone marrow transplant, he wishes to pay-it-forward by hosting a drive to register more potential donors. In the past two years, his family has helplessly watched two *SDS* friends die because they didn't have a **MATCH** and know countless people who are currently in need of a bone marrow transplant without a match. The Cure starts and ends with YOU... Please consider becoming a bone marrow donor on April 16<sup>th</sup>!!

## Marrow Donor Registry Drive, Ages 18 to 44

**Date:** Mon., April 16, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** Highlands Latin School  
10901 Shelbyville Road  
Louisville, KY 40243

Every **3 minutes** someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Every year, **14,000 patients** search the **Be The Match Registry** for a life-saving donor **MATCH**. Many lives are depending on **YOU** to give them a second chance at Life!!! The need is **GREAT** and the solution is **SIMPLE!** The cure is **YOU...**

Fill out a **Registration form** and have the inside of your cheek swabbed to determine if you could be a **MATCH...**

**No appointment needed**

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**If you can't attend our event, join online at**

<http://join.bethemath.org/AMatch4Kyone>

**Kit will be mailed within 3 days**