

Be the one to save a life.



Meet Elissa

Elissa, age 26, grew up in suburban Chicago and lives in Washington, DC. Soon after graduating from college about 3½ years ago, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Her battle with cancer has been a roller coaster of highs and lows, marked by frustratingly short periods of remission.

Recently, Elissa fulfilled a life-long dream when she learned of her acceptance to rabbinical school. Just two days later, her dreams were shattered by the news that her cancer had returned yet again.

Elissa works as an advocate for the rights of others. She is now faced with a challenge of a lifetime and is in need of help from another--as a stem cell transplant is her only hope for a cure.

As the granddaughter of four Holocaust survivors, Elissa has little family to test for a match and needs a genetically-matched donor to receive her life-saving transplant. Elissa and her family are asking you to join the Be The Match Registry of committed potential donors that stand ready to give patients like Elissa a second chance at life. And her hope is that even if you can't help her, **YOU** may be able to help another patient and their family.

Registration is easy! A consent form is filled out and a swab of the cheeks is taken. Your tissue type is added to the Registry until your 61st birthday.

You could be the one. You could be the match.



JOIN THE MARROW REGISTRY

Eligibility Guidelines

All you need is to:

- Be between the ages of 18 -60
- Be willing to donate to any patient in need
- Meet health guidelines

These conditions would prevent you from joining the Registry:

- HIV or risk for HIV
- Hepatitis or risk for hepatitis
- Most forms of heart disease or cancer
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes requiring insulin
- Diseases that affect blood clotting or bleeding
- Recent back surgery, or severe back problems
- Autoimmune/neurological disorders such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis or multiple sclerosis
- Being an organ or marrow transplant recipient
- Significant obesity
- Current sleep apnea

Registry Drive in Honor of Elissa

East Bay JCC-Berkeley

1414 Walnut Street

Berkeley, CA 94709

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

1:00-8:00 PM

For more information contact:

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Or visit www.bethematch.org 1-800-MARROW2

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