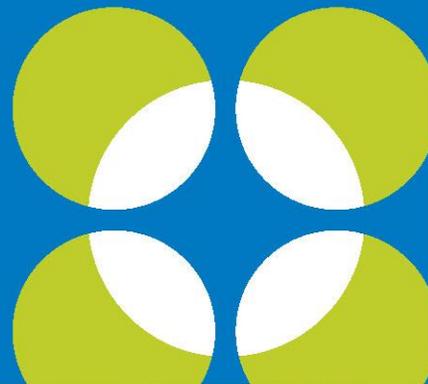


Be involved. Transplant hope.

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.



Joanne Filina is a 42 year old wife and mother of two who was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) when she was 35 years old. Since her diagnosis, she has undergone chemotherapy and is currently on the first non-chemo maintenance pill for cancer. She has even founded a charity where she feeds families battling. Joanne carries a marker that doesn't allow her body to remain in remission. This means a bone marrow transplant is her only chance for a cure, but her Greek ancestry is making it difficult to find a match for her. She is turning to the Greek American community for help. YOU could be her "needle in a haystack" and provide her the opportunity to see her son and daughter grow up, and live a full life.

Please join the Be The Match Registry. Be The Match is a database of volunteers who are willing to donate stem cells or bone marrow if contacted. It is simply paperwork and a cheek swab to join. Greek Americans are severely underrepresented in the registry. We encourage you to learn more and potentially be a match for Joanne or someone else who is waiting for their match!

YOU could be the cure to blood cancer!

Greek Americans needed! To Join the Be The Match Registry ONLINE:

1. You must be between the ages of 18 and 44
2. You must be willing to donate to anyone in need
3. You must be in general good health – no history of heart disease, cancer, clotting disorders, or autoimmune disorders
4. To join online, pull out your phone and visit: <http://join.marrow.org/JoJoFilina>

Join the Registry in Person! We are hosting Chicagoland drives:

Saturday, 3/12 - 12-6 pm

Sunday, 3/13 - 12-6 pm

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