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Open Letter Re: Bone Marrow Transplant

My name is Chris Holder. My wife Cathy has leukemia and needs a Bone Marrow Transplant. She is a Canadian born daughter of Italian parents.

It is a fairly long story, but the bottom line is that currently there is not a matching donor registered with any organization anywhere in the world.

What I am asking for is to have everyone contact their local registry and sign up to become a Bone Marrow Donor.

Additionally, I need help in getting this message out to the greater community. Please copy this letter and discuss it with friends and family. Take it to work and get it posted on bulletin boards. Publish it in community and corporate newsletters. Every person who registers could literally save someone's life.

Information about the process of joining your local Bone Marrow Donor Registry can be found on this website. The procedures for most of the registries in the world are very similar:

- Follow the link for What Can I Donate? - Bone Marrow Registry.
- Select "Joining The Registry" and complete the questionnaire.
- Sign and mail the questionnaire to the closest office.
- The Registry will contact you and verify your willingness to be in the registry.
- An appointment will be set up for you to have a blood sample drawn at a local lab.
- Go to the lab to have the blood sample drawn.

Once your sample has been analyzed, your information will be added to your local Registry. If you are a match for Cathy, or someone else, you will be contacted very quickly, probably within a week or two.

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