

HELP US SAVE JENNIFER'S LIFE

We need help in reaching as many people as possible to raise awareness about how easy it can be to save a life and ask them to be tested. The Be The Match Registry is in great need of registered donors, especially those of African and Hispanic descent. What many people don't realize is that today's medical technology allows testing of potential donors as well as actual transplants with little disruption to the life of the donor(s).

Testing to be a donor is absolutely painless.

Testing is as simple as a swab of the inside of the cheek, just a few minutes.

The actual donor process is as simple as giving blood.

The donor gives blood from an arm; a machine separates the blood-forming cells and returns the blood to the donor through the other arm.

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There are two ways to register. You can attend a bone marrow donor drive. There are several being held nationwide for Jennifer. A list is provided at <http://www.savejenaustin.com/events.php>. There you will also find a link to the registry or you may also register online at <http://join.marrow.org/JJA1068>. Please note the "promo code is **JJA1068**". You will need to enter the promo code after you get to the site. Once registered, you will receive an at home testing kit free of charge. Again, I implore you to please register. Donors must be between the ages of 18 to 60. **PLEASE HELP**

Here's the challenge and opportunity in front of us:

Unfortunately, because African Americans and Hispanics are dramatically underrepresented in the National Bone Marrow Registries, while the Caucasian population has a 92-97+% chance of finding a match in the Registry, Jen and other members of minority groups only have significantly less than half of that chance (about a 40% chance) of finding a match in the current pool of donors recorded in the Registry in order to survive. Recent statistical research indicates that there are more than 5 Million Caucasian registrants and only about 500K registrants of African descent.

However, if we push really hard, fast and use our networks to get folks educated, mobilized and registered, we could not only save Jennifer's life but also save the lives of many others across the country.

Every person matters. Even if you don't match with Jennifer, you may match another and help save a life.

4 important points to remember and convey about how easy it may be to save Jen's life and other lives:

1. As stated above, all that is needed is a Cheek Swab to determine if you are a match for Jen or others.
2. Because of the progress of medicine and technology, donating bone marrow simply requires a blood donation. There is no longer a need for a surgical procedure to extract bone marrow.
3. Potential donors (individuals between 18 and 60 years of age) can either [attend a drive](#) or click the link above to go online and have a kit set to their home, swab their own cheek and send it in for processing.
4. Finally and most importantly - Please keep Jen and her family in your prayers.

Jennifer is amazing. She is beautiful, inside and out. Just to be around her is a blessing. She is always in good spirits, has an encouraging word, ready at all times to pitch in and never says no. She has been serving the community all her life. Jennifer is an amazing mother. She gives, gives and gives more. I am proud to call her friend. **PLEASE HELP**

With all my heart I thank you for your consideration, your participation and all of your efforts in finding a match for Jennifer. Please do not hesitate to contact me at DonorforJenn@gmail.com. Please forward this email to everyone and ask them to please help up. We really need to make this change!