

# Help Harrison find a donor



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## MARROW REGISTRATION DRIVE

**Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006**

Academy of Hawaiian Arts  
at the Foothil Square Shopping Center  
(The Academy is towards the back of the center)  
10700 Mcarthur Blvd, Ste. 4, Oakland, CA

**10:30am-1:30pm**



Harrison Leonardo is a two-year old boy who is fighting Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) and needs a bone marrow transplant to survive. He's spent most of this year fighting cancer, which went into remission in August. Unfortunately his family learned the cancer relapsed just before Thanksgiving.

He is currently hospitalized and undergoing another round of chemotherapy while his doctors and family search for a donor.

A bone marrow donor must have an identical Human Leukocyte Antigen type (HLA type). His parents' and brother's HLA types do not match Harrison, so he is now searching for a non-related donor. A suitable donor will most likely have a similar ethnic background as Harrison, who is Filipino and Caucasian. There is also a chance a match can be found with someone who is of Asian descent or who is bi-racial.

Because there are few Asians, and Multi-Racial people on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry, it is so difficult for Harrison, and others like him to find a matching donor

## You could be Harrison's Miracle Match!

*For more information:*

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### About bone marrow donation

You will be registering your marrow type with the National Marrow Donor Program Registry for any patient in need.

STEP ONE: Fill out paperwork to register as a potential donor. You will be asked for a DL No. or SS No. You will also be asked to provide the contact names, address, and phone numbers of 2 people who do not live with you.

STEP TWO: The AADP Staff will review your medical eligibility to be a donor. Age restriction is between 18 and 60 years old.

STEP THREE: A simple cheek swab sample is needed for analysis to determine your tissue type to see if you could match a patient out there searching.

### What if you match someone?

- About 1 in every 200 people on the registry will get called in their lifetime as a potential match.

- If you are a potential match, the NMDP will contact you for further testing. This will include blood samples.

- if you are proven a good match, the doctors will assess the situation and plan to do either a bone marrow extraction or an aphaeresis procedure to gather blood stem cells from the bone marrow or from your circulating blood. Please read the back of this flyer for a more detailed description of the process.

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