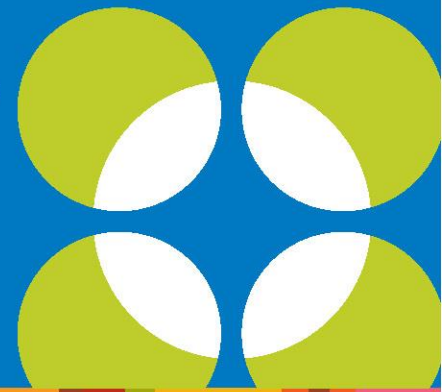


# Be involved. Transplant hope.

## 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.



Nick Dombalis is a 66-year-old husband and father of four. He is devoted to his family and is a lifelong Raleigh resident. Nick has been active in both civic and community affairs. Anyone who knows Nick knows first and foremost that he is a giver – now he needs your help! Nick was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome at age 64. Since his diagnosis, he has undergone chemotherapy; however, **a bone marrow transplant is his only chance for a cure.** Nick's Greek ancestry is making it difficult to find a match for him.

Only 25% of patients have a matching donor in their immediate family.

## Nick is turning to his community for help.

**YOU** could be his “needle in a haystack” and provide him the opportunity to live a full life and see his children have their own children.

Please join the Be The Match Registry, a database of volunteers who are willing to donate stem cells or bone marrow if contacted. It only takes simple paperwork and a cheek swab to join. Those of Mediterranean descent, including Greek Americans, are severely underrepresented in the registry. We encourage you to learn more and potentially be a match for Nick or someone else who is waiting for their match. **You do not need to be of Mediterranean ancestry to participate.**

## YOU could be THE ONE to SAVE A LIFE!

Just fill out a registration form; Swab the inside of your cheek; and Add your tissue type to the registry!



## If you are ages 18-44, you can join online at no charge

- Be *committed* to donate to any patient in need
- You must be in good general health
- To join online, visit:

<http://join.bethematch.org/NicksCure>

a swab kit will be sent to your home

If you are ages 44 to 60, you may still join online using the link above.

*You will be expected to pay the \$100 fee to join the registry*



**Everyone remains on the registry until age 61**

## Have a GREATER IMPACT!

Share the link above through your Social Media and tell others why **YOU** are committed to Saving Lives – Ask others to join too!



**Set up an Event at your workplace, school or other social venues**

Contact:

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