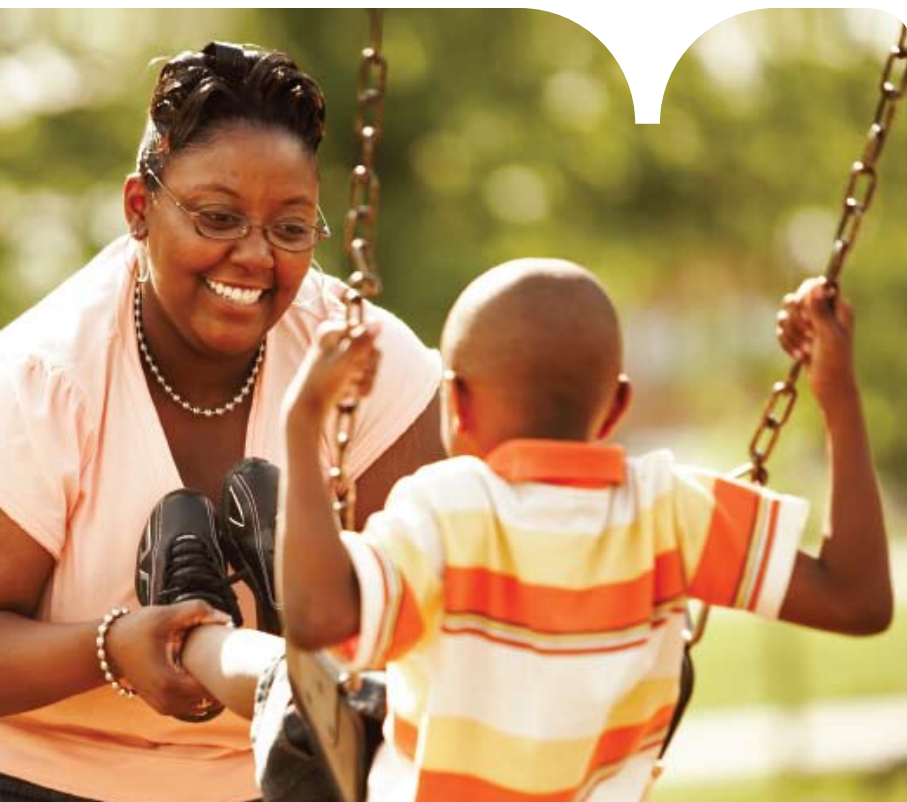


# From doctors to hoop dreams: Unite your community to save lives

Every day, thousands of patients with leukemia, sickle cell anemia and other life-threatening diseases hope for a marrow donor who can make their transplant possible. Seventy percent of these patients don't have a matching donor in their family and turn to the **Be The Match Registry<sup>SM</sup>** for someone who can give them hope for a cure.

**Black families need people in your community who are willing to give a small part of themselves so their child can trade doctors for hoop dreams; so their mother can move from a room full of doctors to a room full of grandchildren.**



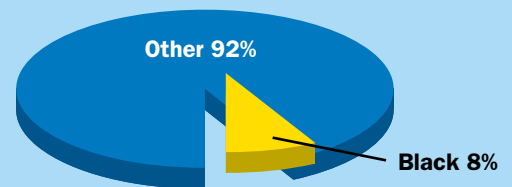
**Danielle, patient, with son Jaylen**

*“On a registry of nearly 7 million people, only one person matched me. One person. Because someone decided to become a marrow donor, I got a second chance at life”*

## Your genetic diversity

**African American and Black patients can have a harder time finding a donor than others.**

Patients are most likely to match someone who shares their heritage. Those who migrated out of Africa have gone to many places all over the globe. As a result, African Americans are 50 percent more genetically diverse than those of European-American heritage.



**Today, African Americans and Blacks comprise only eight percent of the registry. Many more are needed to save patients' lives.**

## Let's work together

Our goal is to give patients of every racial and ethnic group equal access to a life-saving transplant. Let us work with you to give every patient the chance for a cure.





**Jackie (right) donated to 12-year-old Paizley (left), who had severe sickle cell anemia.**

*“My commitment to donate was something I took very seriously,” Jackie tells us. “Someone may be waiting for you to save their life.”*

## Many ways we can support your community

Be The Match<sup>SM</sup> is here to help you save lives.

**Host a drive.** We can help you hold a special event to give everyone in your community the opportunity to join the registry. We will work with you to design a drive that unites the community in accomplishment, commitment and celebration of your heritage.

**Organize volunteers.** We can help you with ideas to find volunteers for your drive. Together we'll work to educate the community on the need for more African Americans to join the registry and generate excitement, making your drive the place to be.

**Raise money.** Your gift helps us add registry members, assist patients with transplant costs, and learn ways to give patients longer, healthier lives.

Be the one to save a life.



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