

# Save a Life by Helping Diversify the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry

## You want to save a life?

Testing is pain free and consists of 4 cheek swabs

**EUROPEAN ETHNICITY DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED**

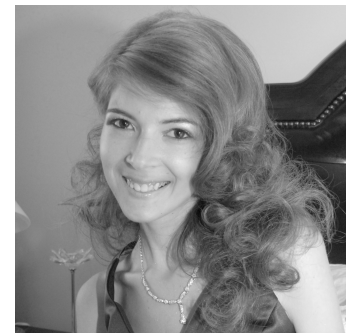
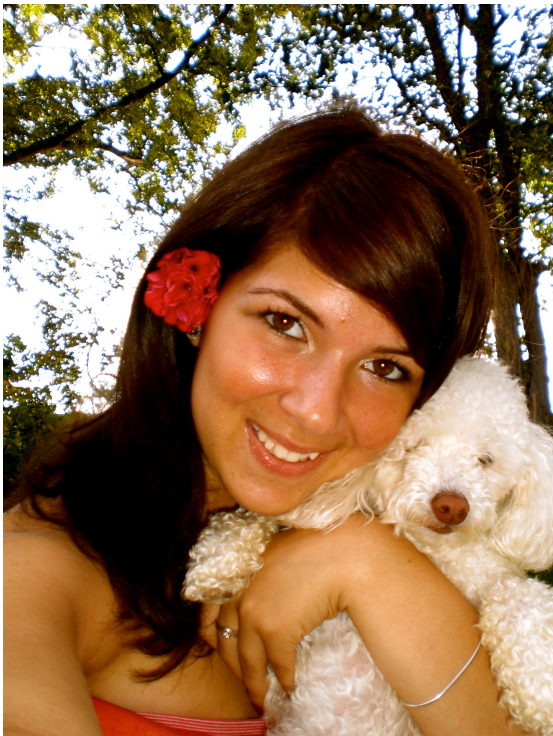
Register to become a stem cell donor at [www.onematch.ca](http://www.onematch.ca) or call **1-888-2 DONATE**

**About Nikolett** On August, 2011, 19 year old Nikolett was diagnosed with AML (acute myeloid leukemia), a form of blood cancer. Beginning of September she was admitted to the hospital to undergo chemotherapy. After 6 long weeks of staying in the hospital she attained remission and was scheduled for a bone marrow transplant at the end of November 2011. She had a promising related donor, her only brother. Unfortunately an obstacle came in the way of her and the bone marrow transplant had to be delayed. From the cause of this obstacle Nikolett's remission lasted until January 2012 when she relapsed. She is now undergoing chemotherapy again in the hopes that she can attain a successful remission and receive the bone marrow transplant. At this time her brother underwent several tests before collecting his stem cells. A shocking result revealed that **NO** longer can he be a donor... Now comes the alarming task of locating a marrow match from the national or international registries. Processing new donor sample can take up to 2 months or more so it is crucial for people to be tested ASAP before her need becomes more **CRITICAL**.

**Join the National Marrow Donor Program. Order a mail-in test kit online or by phone.**

### Please Don't Wait to Register:

Testing takes 5 minutes (a short form and 4 cheek swabs) and an additional 8-10 weeks for your test to be processed to be added to the National Registry.



### Ethnicity is a Key Factor

For patients of all minority ethnicities the simple truth is that anyone in need of a life saving bone marrow transplant is most likely to find their match within their own ethnic group.

### About Being Tested

- Testing is painless, just a simple mouth swab
- You must be between 17-50 years of age
- You must be in good general health
- Testing is free
- Donation is relatively pain free as 70% of all stem cell donations are now given through blood collection.

**You could be the one to save Nikolett's life**

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