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MAN WITH AGGRESSIVE BLOOD CANCER SEARCHES FOR LIFESAVING STEM CELL DONOR



Gift of Life Marrow Registry seeks 18–35-year-olds to join registry at GiftofLife.org/Kyle

Boca Raton, FL, April 3, 2024 – Gift of Life Marrow Registry is urgently seeking a matching blood stem cell or marrow donor for **Kyle Newbold**. Kyle is a 31-year-old husband who is battling myelodysplastic syndrome, a form of blood cancer. He is in urgent need of a blood stem cell or marrow transplant from a donor in order to survive.

Newbold does not have a matching donor in his family, so they are turning to the community for support. **He is of Bahamian and African descent and his best chance of finding a match is with someone of similar ancestry.** His family is working with Gift of Life Marrow Registry to test volunteer donors to learn if they are a match for Kyle or another patient in need. Anyone 18 to 35 years old and in general good health can [join the registry](#) with a simple cheek swab.

Newbold’s family, including his mother, Patricia Newbold, a nurse, and his wife (they were recently married) are doing everything they can to support Kyle in his search for a lifesaving hero.

“By becoming a blood stem cell donor, you have the opportunity to offer a lifeline to Kyle,” said Gift of Life Director of Donor Recruitment Chris Camacho. “Your act of kindness could bring hope and healing not just to him, but to his entire family that loves and needs him.”

To join the registry, you may request a swab kit to be delivered at home by visiting giftoflife.org/Kyle. To hold a donor recruitment drive at your school, center of worship, or in your community, email Camacho at ccamacho@giftoflife.org.

“Only 29% of Black patients are able to find a match due to a lack of diverse donors in the registry,” said Camacho. “We urgently need people with African ancestry – whether Haitian, Caribbean, Black Latino, African American or similar genetic heritage – to register as donors to help change this inequity and save the lives of patients in need.”

Kyle can also be supported through donations to his family’s fundraising “[Donor Circle](#)” campaign. Every gift to this circle helps Gift of Life add new donors to the registry and goes directly toward testing swab kits in order to find matches for him and other patients.

About Gift of Life Marrow Registry

Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered in Boca Raton, Fla. The organization, established in 1991, is dedicated to saving lives by facilitating blood stem cell and bone marrow transplants for patients with leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell, and other blood-related diseases. The registry houses its own state-of-the-art stem cell collection center, biobank, and laboratory. To learn more about Gift of Life Marrow Registry, visit www.giftoflife.org.

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