

Urgent Bone Marrow Appeal



The ANTHONY
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Taking back lives from leukaemia

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'Saving Lives Together!'

NSB student Matthew Herbert was first diagnosed with leukaemia in December 2008. After a 5 month hospital stay and a gruelling course of chemotherapy Matt's leukaemia went into remission. Unfortunately Matt's leukaemia has now returned. This time Matt's best chance to help him overcome his illness is a bone marrow transplant combined with more chemotherapy. Matt is a fantastic, vivacious, talented, caring young person. It is crucial to find a donor whose bone marrow is a suitable match to Matt's.

We **appeal to you** to become a potential donor. **Only a small saliva sample is needed**, after completing a medical questionnaire -it really couldn't be easier! Similarly, should you prove to be a suitable match, bone marrow donation is also straightforward.

Shortly after attending a Recruitment Clinic I discovered I was a potential match for a patient with leukaemia. I donated my stem cells through PBSC [peripheral blood stem cell donation] which involved taking excess white blood cells from my blood whilst I was attached to a machine - and watching TV and drinking coffee. It was totally painless. 'The Anthony Nolan Trust' arranged for me to stay in a hotel the night before the donation and monitored my health in detail afterwards. It was as easy as giving blood, but without the queuing! Four and a half years on, the recipient is still alive because of the stem cell donation. I have experienced how being a donor volunteer is literally the first step towards giving someone the gift of life."

Gary Hammersley, Northampton

(A more detailed Donor Account is available on the website below.)

Leukaemia can affect anyone of us at any time of life. The more potential donors 'The Anthony Nolan Trust' has on its register the better the chance of finding a match for someone who needs a transplant - be that today or in the future. **Please** consider giving up a little of your time to attend one of the Recruitment Clinics below:

- **Northampton Town Football Club Study Centre, Sixfields Stadium, NN5 5QA, Saturday 21st November, 12.30pm -6.30pm**
- **Old Northamptonians Association, Billing Road, NN1 5RX, Thursday 26th November, 5.30pm - 9.30pm**
- **Barclaycard, 1234, Pavilion Drive, Brackmills, Northampton, NN4 7SG, Monday 30th November, 11.00am -4.00pm (Corporate Clinic - only open to Barclaycard employees.)**
- **Northampton School for Boys, Billing Road, NN1 5RT, Saturday 5th December, 9.00am - 1.00pm**

Up to date details of all Recruitment Clinics and other campaign information can be found on: www.mattsmatch.co.uk

A potential donor is a potential life saver!

In order to become a volunteer donor and join 'The Anthony Nolan Trust' register you must be:

- Aged between 18-40
- In good health
- Weigh over 8 stone/ 51 kg
- Willing to commit to provide a bone marrow donation to ANY patient worldwide who is a suitable match.

Whilst absolutely free for individuals to become a potential donor, it costs 'The Anthony Nolan Trust' £125 to recruit and maintain each new volunteer on their register and £2,500 to run a recruitment clinic. If you are unable to volunteer or are already on the register, but would like to support, perhaps you may like to consider making a donation.

Thank you for reading this and for those of you who choose to respond we are truly and deeply indebted.