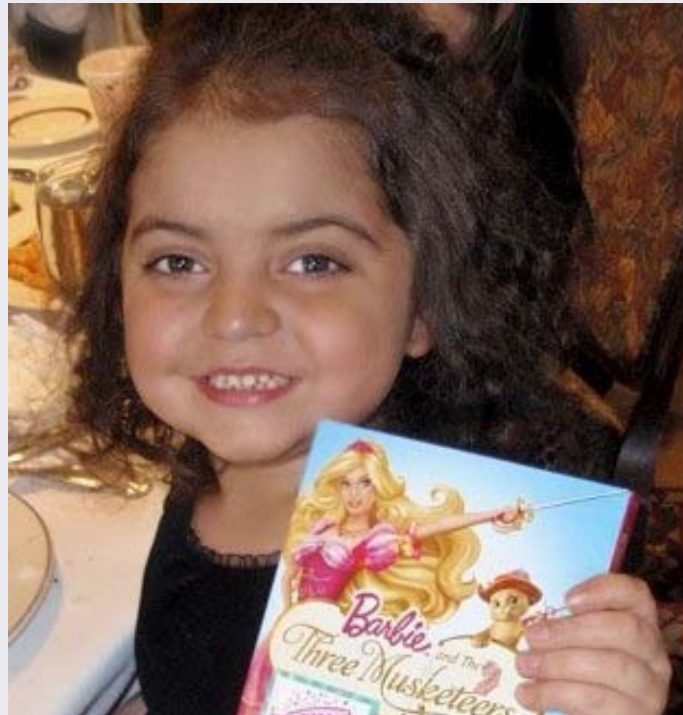


# JACKIE PAYS IT FORWARD!



Jackie, a vibrant 6 year old girl, is not like other children her age. On the Christmas Eve, of 2006, Jackie, then only 3, was diagnosed with leukemia (AML). In 2008, Jackie received a life-saving stem cell transplant from cord blood. Although Jackie still suffers post-transplant complications, she motivates herself and others by "Paying It Forward" to give hope to other patients who are in desperate need of finding a matching bone marrow donor.

Pay it Forward with Jackie in the fight against leukemia by registering as a bone a bone marrow donor with DKMS!

## BECOME A LIFESAVER!

### BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE:

Friday, February 12, 2010 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

*BRENTWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT*

Anthony F. Felicio Administration Building

- Meeting room -

52 Third Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717

### POTENTIAL DONORS MUST BE:

Between the ages of **18** and **55**  
and in good general health.

**Every dollar counts!** DKMS depends on your dollars to finance the \$65 registration cost.

**MAKE A \$ DONATION \$** and select code: JPF 008

[www.dkmsamericas.org/dkms-donation-form](http://www.dkmsamericas.org/dkms-donation-form)



**WHERE LEUKEMIA MEETS ITS MATCH**

# REGISTERING AS A BONE MARROW DONOR IS MORE THAN A CHEEK SWAB. IT IS A COMMITMENT TO HELP SAVE A LIFE.

## About DKMS

**The DKMS mission is to save lives by recruiting bone marrow donors for leukemia patients.**

More than 19,000 DKMS donors have helped save lives by donating their bone marrow. DKMS is the largest and most experienced bone marrow donor center in the world with more than 2 million registered donors. DKMS Americas is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization.

## Why YOU are so important as a bone marrow donor?

- Every **10** minutes blood cancer takes a life.
- Leukemia is the most common disease children and young adults in the U.S die of, and a bone marrow transplant may be their only chance for survival.
- Only **3** out of every **10** patients will receive the transplant that could save their lives.

## What is my commitment if I register?

### You:

- Will also be listed on the national Be the Match Registry until your 61<sup>st</sup> birthday, unless you ask to be removed.
- Will consider donating to **any** searching patient who needs a bone marrow transplant.

## How do I become a bone marrow donor?

- You need to meet the eligibility requirements and understand your commitment.
- You need to complete a registration form.
- You need to swab your cheeks using a cotton-tipped swab to collect cheek cells which will identify your HLA tissue-type.

## What is the donation process like?

- If you are found to be a match, a DKMS representative will contact you.
- You will answer a health questionnaire, and if all is fine, you will go on for additional testing. (blood test and physical exam)
- If you are still the best suitable donor, you will go on to donate in **1** of **2** ways.

**1. Peripheral Blood Stem Cell (PBSC)** – This procedure, called apheresis, involves receiving a medication that increases the number of the donor's blood cells and then these cells are collected directly from the blood stream. Some donors have reported some bone or muscle achiness, but the side effects disappear shortly after the collection.

**2. Bone Marrow Extraction** - Marrow donation is a surgical procedure, usually outpatient. With this procedure, the cells are directly collected from the pelvic bone. Most patients report some soreness in the lower back for a few days after the donation, but nothing that should prevent you from your daily activities. (No Heavy Lifting/Strenuous Workout).

## Other Ways YOU can help

- **Every dollar counts!** DKMS needs your dollars to finance the \$65 registration cost.
- Make a **monetary contribution** at [www.dkmsamericas.org](http://www.dkmsamericas.org)
- Organize a bone marrow donor drive in your community, at your office or school
- Encourage eligible family members and friends to register with DKMS
- Join us on *MySpace* and *Facebook* and follow us on *Twitter*. Enter *DKMS Americas*.
- Help DKMS raise funds. Organize a fundraiser or go to *Firstgiving.com* and create your own DKMS Americas fundraising page