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FOUR BONE MARROW PATIENTS SEARCHING FOR LIFE-SAVING MATCH

HONOLULU – Janet Liang, Maya Chamberlin, Krissy Kobata and Chenin-Blanc Iglowitz need your help. Each of them are battling a different form of leukemia and are in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant.

- Janet Liang ~ 22 year-old Chinese woman, originally from Hawaii, but now lives in California. She is diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.
- Maya Chamberlin ~ 4 year-old Indian/Caucasian girl from California. She has a rare form of leukemia (hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis or HLH) and needs to find a donor immediately.
- Krissy Kobata ~ 27 year-old Japanese/Caucasian woman from California. She has chronic myeloid leukemia and has been searching for a match for two years.
- Chenin-Blanc Iglowitz ~ 35 year-old Chinese/Caucasian woman. She has large B-cell Lymphoma, which has resisted two courses of intensive chemotherapy.

“We hope that Hawaii’s unique ethnic mix will allow us to find potential matches not just for patients here locally, but from across the nation as well,” said Roy Yonashiro, recruitment specialist with the Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry.

To help find a donor for these individuals, and others in need of transplants, the Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry will be holding drives this January:

Saturday, January 9, 2010
Starbucks at Kunia Shopping Center
94-673 Kupuohi St.
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2010
Starbucks at Kunia Shopping Center
94-673 Kupuohi St.
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 17, 2010
Chinese Lutheran Church
1640 Liliha St.
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good general health. Donors need only to register once. If you have already registered and need to update your information or would like more information about becoming a donor, please call the Registry at 547-6154 or visit our national website at www.marrow.org

The Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry was founded in 1989 and joined the National Marrow Donor Program to help patients in Hawaii and all over the world find healthy and willing bone marrow or blood stem cell donors. Only 30 percent of patients will find matching donors within their families; therefore, others need to find unrelated matches. Matches are more easily found between people of the same ethnic background. Since 1989, the HBMDR has recruited approximately 68,000 registered donors throughout Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa. Over 251 of those donors have actually donated bone marrow or blood stem cells for patients all over the world.

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