

Potential bone marrow donors desperately needed for
Nick Glasgow -
28 year old EMC Employee
(names and info publicized with approval and verification
of accuracy)

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> On Friday we circulated word through the global EMC community and
> beyond about Nick Glasgow, a 28-year-old EMC employee in California
> who, in the span of just weeks, has been diagnosed with Leukemia and
> now is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant. Over the
> weekend, the compassion of the EMC family was abundant as hundreds of
> EMCers responded to this plea -- either by getting tested as
potential
> donors, passing the information along to friends and family members,
> or just offering their prayers, personal experiences, and asking what
> they could do. When word reached Cisco, a company larger than EMC
that
> has been a strong partner in the marketplace for years, Cisco people
> also sprang into action.
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> Nick's mother, Carole Wiegand, also an EMC employee, has expressed
her
> and Nick's deepest gratitude at the outpouring of help and support.
> But the race to find a qualified donor is at a critical stage, so I
am
> sending this update with more specifics on how a potential donor can
> expedite a possible match. Please feel free to circulate this message
> beyond EMC (social media vehicles were used to rapidly spread word
> about Nick throughout the weekend).
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> Here are the essential facts:
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> -- Any person whose ethnic background is a mix of Asian and
Caucasian,
> and is in good health with no history of cancer or major illness, and
> is between the ages of 18 and 60, is a potential donor for Nick.
> Expanding on the initial information, one does not need to be 75%
> Caucasian and 25% Asian -- any potential mix could work. While the
> most likely match would be from a person who is 75% Caucasian and 25%
> Japanese, it is absolutely possible that other combinations of
> Caucasian-Asian background in different proportions could work. The
> Asian background should be Sino-Asian, rather than Indo-Asian.
Finding
> an ideal match with all of Nick's markers is very difficult, and we
do
> not want to exclude any potential donors.
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> -- Go to the "Be The Match" National Marrow Donor Program at
> <http://www.marrow.org/>. Rather than ordering a test kit (time is too
> critical for that), read the facts about donating and then you can

> register yourself and enter your zip code at
> http://www.marlow.org/JOIN/Join_in_Person/index.html
> <http://www.marlow.org/JOIN/Join_in_Person/index.html> to find
drives
> in your area in the next few days. If there is not a local drive in
> your area within the next few days, please call one of the labs
listed
> and request a time to drop in for urgent testing. (These instructions
> apply to people in the US. Other countries have similar programs.)
> People who join the registry can help any person, not just Nick.
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> -- The test is a simple cheek swab. The actual donation can be a
blood
> draw or a more complex procedure, which would have some side-effects
> from which people bounce back quickly. This link has facts about the
> procedural aspects of bone marrow donation:
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> http://www.marlow.org/JOIN/Myths_%26_Facts_about_Marrow_Don/index.html
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> l> . If a qualified donor is identified and medical or travel costs
> are an issue, this will be taken care of.
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> -- Special drives for Nick are also being arranged for the next few
> days. We are looking at possible locations where a drive could
> facilitate good numbers of potential donors (San Francisco/San Jose
> area, the Boston/Hopkinton area, and Orlando, where EMC World is
> taking place this week). Carol Gillespie at the Asian American Donor
> Program
> (AADP) is providing testing if you are located in the Bay Area in
> California (all ethnic minorities and Caucasians wishing to join will
> be asked to pay a portion of their testing costs, \$25). Please
> contact AADP directly at 1-800-593-6667 and speak to anyone on the
> staff if you are local, to have your testing done more quickly .
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> -- If you get tested, it is important that you expedite the process
by
> sending an email to all three people in the cc line on this message:
> Carole Wiegand (wiegand_carole@emc.com), Nick's mom and fellow EMC
> employee Stacy Morales (morales_stacy@emc.com
> <mailto:morales_stacy@emc.com>), a friend and EMC colleague of Nick
> and Carole who is helping to coordinate all this Carol Gillespie
> (carol@aadp.org <<mailto:carol@aadp.org>>) at the Asian American Donor
> Program
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> In the email, include your registration ID number, the location where
> you were tested, and testing date. The reason for this is that the
> national database usually takes a few weeks to be updated with a new
> potential donor's test results. For Nick, time is of the essence.
> They will be expediting these samples for Nick so his doctors will be
> able to urgently retrieve possible matches.
> Thank you to all who have tried to help and expressed concern. I
would
> like to close with this message from Stacy Morales:
> "Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude that Carole and
> Nick have for you all right now. You have given this family hope,
and

> quite possibly, the gift of life."
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