

BE THE MATCHSM



Transplant recipient, Mary Ahlers

Meet MARY – Neighbor and Survivor

When I was 18 years old I was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria. For the next 18 years I had surgeries, treatments and over 100 blood transfusions to keep me alive. In the fall of 2007 we discovered that my disorder was becoming more severe and a bone marrow transplant was needed for me to survive. Finding a perfect match (10 out of 10) for my transplant was my best chance for survival. I am so fortunate that Yvonne, a woman in Germany, registered to be a bone marrow donor and agreed to help me, a complete stranger! I'm happy to say it has been 4 ½ years since my transplant and I am doing fabulous! I got my life back. I am currently residing in Fairfield and teach at Masuk High School in Monroe, CT.

Thousands of patients depend on the Be The Match Registry® to find a donor who can give them a chance for a cure.

Join us. Save lives.

**You have the power to save a life.
Join. Give. Volunteer.**

Join the registry.

Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Please give what you can.

Every \$100 raised helps us add another member to the registry.

Typing fees for this drive are covered by health insurance or Michael's Fund.

Please bring your health insurance card!

Westfield Trumbull Mall
Lord & Taylor Court
5065 Main Street, Trumbull, CT
(hosted by Rep. Tony Hwang)
www.woovite.com/bethematch

To join, give or volunteer
with Be The Match, contact:
800-283-8385 ext. 720 or
email marrow@ribc.org

To join at the drive, you only need to be **between the ages of 18 and 44**, be willing to donate to any patient in need and meet the health guidelines. If you later match a patient, most donations can be made through an automated blood donation!