

Dear Employer,

I'm pleased to share some exciting news: one of your employees was recently identified through the Be The Match Registry® as a possible match for a patient in need of a life-saving marrow transplant.

As a next step, your employee must undergo some additional testing to confirm that he or she is the best match for this patient. If identified as the best match, your employee may go on to donate marrow or peripheral blood stem cells (PBSC) to someone with a blood cancer like leukemia and lymphoma, or other blood diseases. A marrow donation could be the only cure for this critically-ill patient.

If your employee is the best match for this patient and goes on to donate, he or she will likely request work schedule flexibility or time off. Please talk with your employee to find work coverage and compromises that allow the flexibility needed in this life-saving donation process.

The time commitment for donation – including appointments, physical exam and the collection procedure – generally takes 20-30 hours over a 4-6 week period. Your employee may need to travel for appointments, or the donation date may change due to the condition of the patient. These are just a few of the factors that may affect the timing of donation, making schedule flexibility important for a successful donation.

Please speak with your employee about the support needed during this life-saving journey as a volunteer donor. Ask your employee about other ways your organization can get involved with the mission of Be The Match, or visit [BeTheMatch.org/Support-the-Cause](https://www.bethematch.org/support-the-cause).

Sincerely,



Linda Abress  
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Be The Match®

**About Be The Match**

Be The Match Registry, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program®, is a registry of more than 11 million volunteer potential donors. Since 1987, Be The Match has facilitated more than 60,000 transplants throughout the world for patients with life-threatening diseases such as leukemia and aplastic anemia, as well as certain immune system and genetic disorders. For more information, visit [BeTheMatch.org](https://www.bethematch.org).