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# Record Numbers Join Registry of Donors to Cure Blood Cancer

In 48 hours, over 7,700 new donors joined the Be The Match® registry to cure blood cancer, giving hope to the thousands of patients looking for their match.

What were once lively in person events with hashtags like #SwabForTheCulture have now become slow trickle virtual events with hashtags like #CouchToCure, making it that much more difficult to join the registry. That is why these numbers have been so impressive, thanks to the efforts of one 14-year-old boy from Bakersfield, Calif.

Jehvan Crompton was diagnosed with leukemia in 2019. The doctor told him that a blood stem cell donation could cure his cancer. Crompton just needs to find someone that is a genetic match. Already a challenging task, it is made even more difficult for Crompton due to the low percentage of Black blood stem cell donors. While a Caucasian patient might have a 77% chance of finding a match that percentage drops to 23% when it comes to Black patients. Crompton's work has expanded the registry for Black patients everywhere.

Be The Match is an organization that works globally to provide a cure for patients battling blood cancers and other blood disorders. Be The Match helps patients find their genetic match through their registry of donors. All it takes to register is to request a swab kit, swab the inner cheek, and send it in to be processed. If you are between 18 to 44 years old, in good health, and willing to donate to any patient in need, joining the registry is safe and free. Only 1/430 potential donors will come up as a match for a patient in need and the donation process is also completely free to the donor.

You can sign up to help the Crompton family and other patients in need of blood stem cell donations. Text "TeamChocolateVon" to 61474 to see if you are eligible. If you are, Be The Match will send you a swab kit with instructions to complete the test at home.

## About Be The Match®

For people with life-threatening blood cancers—like leukemia and lymphoma—or other diseases, a cure exists. Be The Match connects patients with their donor match for a life-saving marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. People can contribute to the cure as a member of the Be The Match Registry®, financial contributor or volunteer. Be The Match provides patients and their families one-on-one support, education, and guidance before, during and after transplant.

Be The Match is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), a nonprofit organization that matches patients with donors, educates health care professionals and conducts research through its research program, CIBMTR® (Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research®), so more lives can be saved. To learn more about the cure, visit [BeTheMatch.org](https://www.bethematch.org) or call 1 (800) MARROW-2.

## Selected Coverage:

- Eyewitness News - [Jehvan Needs A Donor: 14-year-old Jehvan Crompton is battling cancer and needs a bone marrow donor](#)
- ABC 4 News - [Odds are stacked against boy searching for bone marrow donor](#)
- CNN - [A mother leads the social media charge to register bone marrow donors and help her son beat cancer](#)
- Business Insider - [A mom is registering Black bone marrow donors to help save her 14 year-old son](#)
- Behind The Badge - [Bakersfield PD's officers join together to help local boy fighting leukemia](#)
- NBC 15 News - [After story goes viral, teen battling Leukemia finds bone marrow match](#)