



WE DELETE BLOOD CANCER

"I am here
because of you."

Impact Report

»»» 2023

Jan x Ben



A message from our leadership



In our journey to bring hope to patients around the world, 2023 was a year filled with significant achievements in providing critical support to those in need. Throughout the year, we made remarkable strides in registering potential lifesavers and providing second chances at life to blood cancer and blood disorder patients, thanks to the unwavering support and dedication of people like you. Together, we have continued to demonstrate our commitment to finding a lifesaving match for every patient in need.

Best,



Katharina

Katharina Harf,
Co-founder
Global Chairwoman of DKMS

Elke

Elke Neujahr,
Global CEO of DKMS group
Executive VP of DKMS US

From hope to healing

>>> *Samantha Andrews*

Samantha Andrews is a resilient 10-year-old who has faced the challenges of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) with courage. **After her initial diagnosis in 2021 followed by a year of remission in 2022, Samantha's spirit remained unbroken.** Unfortunately, she relapsed in August of 2023.

Before her mother broke the news to her, Samantha had been eagerly anticipating milestones like starting soccer, embarking on her Disney 'Make A Wish' journey, and exploring the great outdoors through hiking and camping. However, her dreams were abruptly interrupted, leaving her feeling as though life's adventures were slipping away once more. Once she was told, Samantha said, "but I'm just starting to live life again...".



“In December 2023, Samantha finally found her match and underwent a life-saving stem cell transplant from a German donor.”

Samantha and her family started hosting DKMS donor drives, registering over 1,000 potential donors in hopes of finding a match for herself and patients alike. In December 2023, Samantha finally found her match and underwent a life-saving stem cell transplant from a German donor.

Samantha returned home earlier this year with her spirit renewed, and her body on the path to recovery. With

almost 100% of her cells testing as donor cells, she has achieved remission! Samantha's story serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance and of hope.



Samantha's community and story inspired 1,077 new potential lifesavers to sign up with DKMS.

Transforming lives together

>>> *Abby Pyne*



In 2015, former Duke soccer player Abby Pyne had the chance to coach a young girl named Emily at a Duke soccer camp. Emily was later diagnosed with Leukemia and treated at Duke Hospital System, where she ended up undergoing a bone marrow transplant from her sister. Emily's fight inspired Abby to register as a stem cell donor herself in 2016 and eventually seek a career in medicine. **Six years later, Abby, now a second year medical student at Duke, got a call from DKMS that she was a match for a patient in need.** When asked if she would donate, she said yes and in April of 2023, Abby donated her blood stem cells to help a patient in need.

Now, she hopes that sharing her story will help inspire others to register as potential donors.



“Almost 10 years after my initial cheek swab I got an email that I had matched. For me it was a no brainer; I knew I was going to do whatever it took to move forward.”

Key figures

»»» *US Statistics*



Facilitated
368
donations



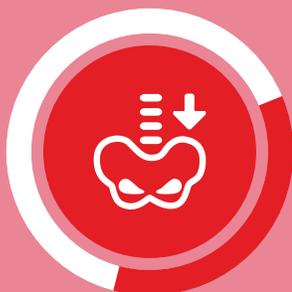
For
domestic
patients



For
international
patients



317
via
Peripheral Blood
Stem Cell
Collection



51
via
Bone Marrow
Collection



41,902
New potential lifesavers
added to the donor pool



7,000+
US lifesavers were
found to be a match

Funding

>>> *The William G. Pomeroy Foundation*

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation graciously awarded us with a \$300k grant to build awareness within communities, grow and diversify the donor pool, and offer free hi-resolution typings for potential lifesavers, so that every patient has a fighting chance against blood cancer and blood disorders.



The Saving Lives Service Award: Sponsored by DKMS and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, The Saving Lives Service Award strives to inspire more civic, student, and non-profit organizations to join forces and help to grow and diversify the blood stem cell donor pool.

Our 8 Award Winners:

1. Friends of MSF at UVA
2. Student Nurses Association
3. Colonels for Life
4. Feast for Good
5. University Church of Christ
6. Katrina's Crew for A Cure
7. Kiwanis Club of Matthews
8. Down Syndrome Association of Greater Charlotte



Free Family Typing Program: We understand the high financial burden of a cancer diagnosis and the complexities of the health care system, which is why we believe in simplifying the processes and support our patients in their time of need. Through the Free Family Typing program we cover the costs associated with offering hi-resolution HLA testing to family members of patients.

Free Family Typing Program facilitated
236 typings for 70 patients!



Local events

>>> *Queen City Saves Lives*



In September, DKMS hosted the first Queen City Saves Lives (QCSL) event in Charlotte, NC. A lively mission-driven evening filled with music, raffle prizes, and of course, an in-person swab station, QCSL offered over 100 locals the opportunity to directly interact with the DKMS family, including employees, avid volunteers and blood stem donors. 42 of the attendees registered that same evening to be a lifesaver!



The QCSL Event brought in over 100 attendees, with 42% swabbing to become a lifesaver.

Searching for hope

»»» *Mama G*

Trish Grannis, aka Mama G, was diagnosed with Myelofibrosis in 2021. As the cancer progressed, Mama G became in need of a stem cell transplant. Since then, her family, including daughters Misa, Emi and Kina Grannis, and son-in-law Jesse Epstein, have been tirelessly looking for a perfect match who can give Mama G a second chance at life.



Mama G's family used their social media platforms to encourage fans to sign up, resulting in over 7,000 sign ups.

»»» *Campbell Fearing*

22 year old Campbell Fearing, a full-time student at Dallas Baptist University, mentor to an 8-year old boy, and son of well-known chef and restaurateur, Lynae Fearing, was diagnosed with Leukemia last year. Campbell sought strength from his faith in Jesus and support



from his community to get through this difficult fight.



Campbell and his family added 769 potential lifesavers to the donor pool in a single night at his in-person drive.

»»» *Emmy Freund*



Emersyn Freund, affectionately known as Emmy, was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. This 15-year-old was looking for her perfect match so that she could get back to doing the things she loves: volleyball, dancing, skiing, and "living her best, fun and teenage life".



Thanks to Emmy's efforts and her community's support, Emmy brought in 2,153 new registrations.

»»» *Frank Dyer*

When the chief operating officer of The Potter's House, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. life member, family man, active community member, and educator, Frank Dyer, was diagnosed with the beginning stages of blood cancer, the search for a matching donor began immediately.



Frank's community, family, and friends came together, hosting a drive that brought in 938 registrations.

A bond of a lifetime

»»» *Ben and Jan*

Ben Clark's life changed forever in 2010 when he was diagnosed with T-cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, a form of blood cancer. He quickly underwent extensive chemotherapy that required weeklong hospital stays. **Ben achieved remission but then learned that the cancer had come back and he would need a stem cell transplant.** And for that, he would need to find a matching donor.

Miles away, Jan registered to be a potential lifesaver with DKMS. **Having watched his childhood friend battle and ultimately lose the fight against cancer, Jan didn't hesitate to donate his stem cells** to a stranger if that meant a second chance at life for the person on the receiving end.

Fast forward to 2023 when Ben proposed to the love of his life, he knew he had to ask Jan to be his best man.



“...without him, I wouldn't be here to marry the woman of my dreams that God has placed into my life.”

-Ben on asking donor Jan to be the best man in his wedding

Gala 2023

»»» *New York, October 19, 2023*

The 17th annual black-tie gala not only served as a platform for philanthropy but also as a testament to the support of individuals like Sue Nabi, CEO of Coty, a steadfast advocate for DKMS.

Together, we raised \$4.57 million to further advance research, treatment, and support for those affected by blood cancer.



In a heartwarming and truly memorable moment at the 2023 DKMS New York Gala, attendees were touched by an encounter between two remarkable individuals. Miley, a courageous 14-year-old from Oklahoma and a survivor of blood cancer, had the opportunity to meet her lifesaving stem cell donor, Kayla, from Texas. Miley's battle with leukemia started in 2020 and led her on a journey of resilience and hope.

Amongst the elegant setting of Cipriani Wall Street on Thursday, October 19, guests witnessed the power of connection and gratitude as Miley embraced Kayla, her genetic twin and savior. Their meeting symbolized the lifesaving mission that makes DKMS a renowned nonprofit organization dedicated to combating blood cancer on a global scale.



\$50k
raised for
DKMS Africa



\$55k
raised for
DKMS India

DKMS Global



Facilitated

8,318

donations worldwide



Registered

694,089

new potential lifesavers
worldwide

>>> Donations from *other DKMS entities* to US patients



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save lives!

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