

Carly Needs Your Help!

Carly Nguyen is a member of Elizabeth Seton High School's Class of 2016 and has been diagnosed with **Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML)**.

Currently, we are trying to secure a bone marrow donor for Carly. Carly is 16 years old and was diagnosed in February 2015. So far she has undergone several chemo treatments with long hospital stays. She has shown strength throughout her treatments and remains positive. This has been a very difficult experience for our whole family. It has taken its toll both financially and emotionally.

Unfortunately, because Asian Americans are dramatically underrepresented in the National Bone Marrow Registries, while our Caucasian counterparts have a 92+% chance of finding a match, we have a significantly less chance of finding a match in the current pool of donors recorded in the Registry. Recent statistical research indicates that there are more than 5 Million Caucasian registrants and only about 600K registrants of Asian descent. However, if we use our networks to get our community educated, mobilized and registered, we could not only help Carly but also save the lives of many others in our community.

You can help Carly by becoming a registered donor and being tested to determine if you are a compatible match with her. We also need help in reaching as many people as possible to ask them to be tested. In registering, you have the potential to help extend Carly's life and also to help other people in need. With the improved technology of today, testing is as simple as a swab of the inside of the cheek and it only takes five minutes. The actual donor process is as simple as giving blood. The donor gives blood from an arm; a machine separates the blood-forming cells and returns the blood to the donor through the other arm.

To help Carly, please register yourself as a donor by going online to one of these sites:

www.aadp.org

www.marrows.org

www.bonemarrowtest.com

**OR COME TO ELIZABETH SETON HIGH
SCHOOL ON JUNE 5, 2015 AT 8:00 AM TO BE
TESTED AS A POSSIBLE DONOR MATCH**

Thanks in advance for your prayers, support and all you're doing to help Carly and others. **Please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Davey at 301-864-4532 ext 7015 or mdavey@setonhs.org**

