

BE THE MATCH[®]

#Cure4Sophia



On February 21, 2022, 9-year-old Sophia Cohen was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and initiated chemotherapy treatment. Sophia is the granddaughter of our long-time St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parishioners, Tim and Margie Glennon. Tim cantors at our 8:15 AM Sunday Mass; Margie is a lector and religious education teacher in our parish.

Sophie is undergoing a lengthy duration of therapy and will require a bone marrow transplant to treat her aggressive AML.

At this time, there are no matches for Sophie in the donor database. During her lengthy hospital stays, Sophie has been an inspiration to everyone she has met. She's earned a reputation among the hospital nurses for naming and caring for her stuffed animals, and the staff eagerly anticipates the naming of new additions to the crew. Sophie's dinosaur, Doug, was given a port to help Sophie understand how her own intravenous port works.



While Sophie and her parents are fortunate to have a very strong support system within their family and community at St. Vladimir in New York, those of us who are far away want to know how we can help. PRAYER is the most important way we can care for this dear family. For those of us who are able, we can also **register to be listed in the bone marrow/stem-cell donor database.**

Donor Drive at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church 522 East Flourney Lucas Road, Shreveport, LA 71115

May 14-15, 2022

The drive will be held after each weekend Mass
(Masses at Saturday 4 PM, Sunday 8:15 AM, 11 AM and 5 PM)



Can't join us in person for the drive? You can still help!! Scan this QR code to register and receive a donor kit delivered to your home.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for
his compassions never fail. They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23



Will you help us save more lives?

Save
Someone's
Life!

EVERY 3 MINUTES SOMEONE IS DIAGNOSED WITH BLOOD CANCER

For patients fighting blood diseases, like Leukemia and Sickle Cell, a marrow or stem-cell transplant may be their only cure. **70% of patients don't have a fully matched donor in their family** - and that's when they turn to **Be The Match** to find their genetically matched twin. This can be challenging for patients, especially those who are from a diverse ethnic background. Patients are most likely to match someone of their ancestry but, there simply aren't enough registry members of all backgrounds. Please help us change that by registering today!

Doctors request young donors 85% of the time for their patients, because young donors provide the best patient outcomes.

YEAH, BUT I HEARD IT HURTS?

Over 80% of donors donate through a non-surgical method similar to plasma donation. 20% of the time, donation is outpatient.

ODDS OF FINDING A MATCH BASED ON ETHNIC BACKGROUND

Black or African American

29%



Asian or Pacific Islander

47%



Hispanic or Latino

48%



Native American

60%



White

79%



HERE IS THE PROCESS TO JOIN



1. Must be 18-40 yrs old



2. Complete Registration



3. Swab Cheeks at Home or In-Person



4. Return Swabs

Start Registration by Texting: Cure4Sophia to 61474
or visit my.bethematch.org/cure4sophia or scan

