

**Subject: Fwd: Hope4Paul - in desperate need of your help!**

Dear Bay and Coast District DS Superintendents,

I'd appreciate your help in getting the word out on an upcoming **LIVE DRIVE THRU** Bone Marrow Registry event happening on **Saturday, February 6th 10 am - 3:30 pm at Palo Alto Buddhist temple.**

Paul Goodman, 29, a former DS student at OCBC, is a beloved son, brother, and friend. Unfortunately, he recently relapsed from Leukemia and is in desperate need of a Bone Marrow Match and thus, we are looking for donors to register.

During his original diagnosis with leukemia and his chemotherapy treatment, Paul created a video to document his journey. Please take a moment to watch this short video to get to know

Paul: <https://youtu.be/WpyDQkTZLZQ>

The ideal match for Paul would be a donor who is 50% Japanese and 50% Caucasian, and **between the ages of 18-44 years old**. The bone marrow pool of donors is limited for people of color and even more limited for bi-racial people like Paul. Paul's sister is a 50% match, but a 75% or higher match would give Paul a greater chance of beating this. However, **donors can cross ethnicities and we encourage everyone to register. Your actions could save a life!**

It takes 5 minutes to complete the registration form and "swab". Unlike blood, bone marrow is very hard to find a match. Therefore, it is imperative to get as many people as possible registered via a simple at-home mouth swab test. You can also help by forwarding this message to your friends, family and coworkers.

Visit: [JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/MATCH4PAUL](http://JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/MATCH4PAUL) to understand the bone marrow transplant process. 77% of all transplants are non-surgical and 23% involve an outpatient procedure.

**If you can't make it to the LIVE EVENT, please consider these other two options to become a possible bone marrow donor:**

1. **Request a kit to be hand delivered to your place of residence by using this link: [aadp.org/HomeKit](http://aadp.org/HomeKit)** Choose Paul's name in the "How did you hear about us"
2. **OR, request a kit by mail (Live Drive is preferred due to potential delays in the mail service)** There is no cost and all postage is paid for (for those ages 18-44 years).

Text MATCH4PAUL to 61474 or online at [JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/MATCH4PAUL](http://JOIN.BETHEMATCH.ORG/MATCH4PAUL)

Paul is unable to receive visitors or cards, but you can send your encouraging words to him on Instagram @notsogoodman; or post photos and send a private message on [ganbattepaul.com](http://ganbattepaul.com)

Thank you everyone for your help and support with this. It takes a sangha to raise a DS student and keep them safe.

With gratitude,  
Debby Inenaga  
MVBT Temple

**Article on Paul**

<https://www.rafu.com/2020/12/ocbc-member-seeks-bone-marrow-match/>

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/102233735138141/posts/102236081804573/>

**To see the impact of a match, watch Krissy Kobata's story:**

[https://youtu.be/7Q-1E5uTT\\_k](https://youtu.be/7Q-1E5uTT_k)

**A note from the Goodman Family:** *We are so grateful to everyone for the love, support, and encouragement we are receiving daily from family, friends, and the community. Just knowing that everyone is thinking of Paul gives us strength during this challenging time.*