

There Goes My Hero Quarterly Newsletter

Winter 2014



Join Keogh, Mount St. Joseph
& Catonsville High Schools
JV & Varsity Basketball Tournament

December 20th
to benefit
There Goes My Hero

The Merritt Properties Catonsville Cup will be held in support of There Goes My Hero

Join us at Catonsville High School for a basketball tournament to benefit There Goes My Hero. We will be swabbing from 10am-3pm on Saturday, December 20th and raising awareness for leukemia and the bone marrow donor registry. [Click here for more information.](#)

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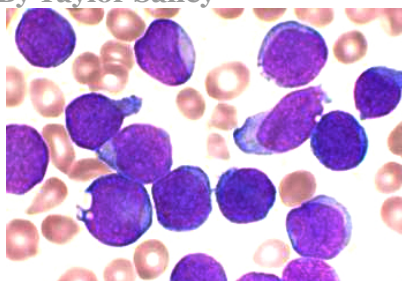
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**A Taste for Life
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Research Spotlight: How Doctors Might Use Deactivated HIV to Cure Leukemia

By Taylor Salley



After two decades of research, researchers have been experimenting with a rare new treatment to help cure leukemia. By disabling the HIV virus, researchers are able to harness the HIV virus' ability to insert new genes into a patient's T-cells in order to kill the cancer. The therapy works by first engineering out all of the properties of HIV that could cause

somebody to get sick. Next, billions of T-cells are taken from a cancer patient and altering the DNA in the cells with a harmless form of the HIV virus. The cells themselves are programmed to recognize and kill the cancer and are placed back into the person's body.

Still skeptical? In a study of 30 children of adults who received the treatment, twenty-three of the patients are still alive and 19 have achieved complete remission. One particular case involves a man named Marshall Jensen who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2012. He spent two years traveling around America looking for a treatment when in Philadelphia he stumbled across the HIV treatment. The treatment was successful and in November he returned home after being told he is in remission. In another case, an 18-year-old boy had tried everything from chemotherapy to bone marrow transplants when he discovered the T cell study trial. Eighteen weeks post-treatment he is healthy, studying to get his driver's license and trying out for his high school baseball team.

With innovative treatments like these, one day, leukemia might be history.

now open!

Come network with There Goes My Hero and enjoy craft beers, fine wines, single-barrel bourbon tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and one of the best views in Baltimore all to support our meal program.

Click HERE to register.

End of Year Stats!

We've swabbed almost as many people this year as the last three years combined!

2014 Swabs -- **3,621**
Total Swabs -- **7,386**
Total Matches -- **75**
Total Transplants -- **8**

2014 Meals -- **20,473**
Total Meals -- **55,731**

\$40 feeds a patient for a week - click here to donate!

A Moment to Remember

We would like to make a note of the friends of Hero that have passed away this past year. Our prayers and thoughts are with them and their families.



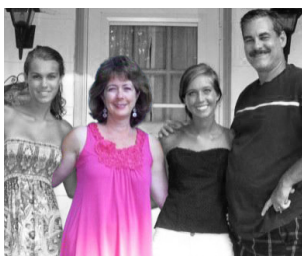
Geoffrey L. Goone

Geoff Goone passed away after a long battle with leukemia on December 14th. He underwent many treatments, including a bone marrow transplant about three months ago. He leaves behind his wife and travel partner Sara.



Donna Jacobson

Donna Jacobson was a good friend of Hero's and a supporter of the cancer community. She was a fixture to the Baltimore business community who was loved and known all around town. Donna lost her battle just a few weeks ago, and leaves behind her husband Mike.



Mary Jeanne "MJ" Mullen

Mary Jeanne Mullen lost her battle to blood cancer this past November. Many bone marrow drives in Towson and GBMC were coordinated, and will continue to be coordinated, in her honor. She leaves behind her two daughters and her husband.



Victoria "Vickie" Gelfman



31-Year-Old Vickie Gelfman lost her battle with acute myeloid leukemia in August of this year. Vickie was a prosecutor in the Howard County State's attorney's office and a friend to many Hero board members. Team Vickie swab drives added over 250 people to the national bone marrow donor registry.



Sarah Tran

Sarah Tran was one of the original Hero board members who founder Erik Sauer met on his first day at Hopkins. She was an assistant law professor at Southern Methodist University. Sarah passed away in February, five years after her original diagnosis. She leaves behind her husband and two children.



CAM Wagner

CAM Wagner was an original Hero board member. He was diagnosed in 2008 and passed away late last December. CAM fought valiantly for 5 years, and along the journey he touched many lives and helped others with their own battles with cancer. He leaves behind his wife and three children.

There Goes My Hero Foundation

*Our mission is to restore hope to Leukemia patients and their families through increasing bone marrow registrants,
providing nutritious meals, and supporting blood cancer research.*

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