75% of African American Patients...

60% of Asian American Patients...

75% of Multi-Racial Patients...

55% of Latino Patients...

...Cannot Find a Matching Donor
FACT #1
The shortage of DIVERSE DONORS on the registry costs lives.

FACT #2
ANCESTRY is the key to a perfect match between donor and recipient.

FACT #3
MYTHS about donation PREVENT people from registering.

Every year, 17,500 people will need a bone marrow or stem cell transplant to cure their blood cancer or disorder. This includes diseases like Sickle Cell Anemia and Multiple Myeloma, which disproportionately affect the African American community.

- Only 30% of patients are able to find a matching donor in their family. The rest rely on the 33 million registered donors.

The best chance of finding a perfect match is with someone of the same ethnicity.

- Multi-racial/ethnically diverse individuals often have rare combinations in their profiles, making it even more difficult to locate perfect matches. It is urgent that more multiracial individuals join the registry.

Many potential registrants are concerned with how their biological data will be used.

- All donor health information and data is kept confidential in accordance with HIPAA laws. If you are selected as a match, the patient’s health information is also kept confidential.

To get involved and to become a Hero, please visit www.theregoesmyhero.org

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