7000 North Americans are in Need - Only 30% will find a match in time

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ITALIAN ETHNICITY BONE MARROW DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO SAVE CRISTINA

About Cristina Cristina Di Corte is 22 years old and suffers from a disease so rare you've most likely never heard of it before. Mitochondrial neurogastrointestinal encephalopathy (MNGIE) has caused Cristina’s digestive tract to no longer be able to move food through her body or absorb nutrients so she can no longer eat or drink solids or liquids. She receives all of her nutrients through a central line catheter and is in frequent pain. Her doctors have told her the only way to stop the disease is through a bone marrow transplant. Tests revealed none of her siblings are a match so she needs to rely on the generosity of a stranger. Registering is pain free and donating almost is. Please learn more by visiting her website.

Please Join OneMatch.CA (Canada), BeTheMatch.org (US) or the IBMDR.galliera.it (Italy)

Testing takes 10 minutes (a short form and 4 cheek swabs) and an additional 8-10 weeks for your test to be processed to be added to the national and worldwide registries. The tissue typing to see if you are a match can take an additional 2-3 months so please don’t wait.

If she were your friend, daughter, sister, or granddaughter, wouldn’t you want others to help you help her? That’s what we’re asking for. We desperately need your help!

You could be the one to save Cristina’s life!

Ethnicity is a Key Factor Because marrow is a DNA match, it is most likely that Cristina’s match will be from a person of Italian ancestry. However, on occasion, matches are found between patients and donors of different ethnic groups so please join your local marrow registry no matter what your ancestry is.

About Being Tested
- Testing is free
- Testing is painless, just a simple cheek swab
- Donating is relatively pain free as 80% of all stem cell donations are now given through blood collection.
- You must be in good general health
- You must be between 18-50 years of age to register in Canada, 18-60 in the US, and 18-55 in Italy.

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