#### Save a Life by Helping to Diversify the National Bone Marrow Donor Registry

6000 Americans are in Need - Only 30% will find a match in time

# www.HelpingJanet.com

Testing is pain free and consists of 4 cheek swabs

ASIAN ETHNICITY DONORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED



**About Janet** On August 24, 2009, Janet Liang was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a form of blood cancer. At 22 years old she is a loving and dedicated friend to many and a hardworking and passionate student. Janet is currently living in the Bay Area and is undergoing chemotherapy in the hopes that she can attain a successful remission. If the chemo fails she will need a stem cell transplant. She will then be faced with the daunting task of locating a marrow match from the national or international registries after tests revealed that her only sibling is not a match. Processing new donor samples can take up to 2 months or more so it is crucial for people to be tested asap before her need becomes critical.

Join the National Marrow Donor Program. Order a mail-in test kit online or by phone.

#### Please Don't Wait to Register:

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 Registry. The tissue typing to see if you are a match can take an additional 2-3 months.



You could be the one to save Janet's life!



## **Ethnicity is a Key Factor**

For patients of all minority ethnicities the simple truth is that anyone in need of a life saving bone marrow transplant is most likely to find their match within their own ethnic group. There is a crucial need for people of ethnically diverse backgrounds including African American, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, Latino, Native American and Multi-Racial individuals in the national registry.

### **About Being Tested**

- Testing is painless, just a simple mouth swab
- You must be between 18-60 years of age
- You must be in good general health
- · Testing is free
- Donating is relatively pain free as 70% of all stem cell donations are now given through blood collection.