



Message from the President

What a great year it has been for our organization! As I look back, I am amazed at the number of things we accomplished this past year. We did a good job of getting out into the community and speaking to a variety of groups, as well as participating at a few different community events such as Art in the Park and Children's Fest.

Last December, we received great news that our application for charitable status has been approved and the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association is now a registered Canadian charity. We are very proud of this and we feel it shows our commitment to being an important and long lasting organization. A nice benefit of becoming a registered charity is that we can now offer a charitable donation

tax receipt for the cash donations we receive, which is a nice way to thank our supporters.

We feel quite blessed to have received tremendous support in 2006 at our annual fundraising events, Bowling for Bone Marrow and the John Fox Memorial Golf Tournament. Thanks to your support, we are able to expand our Bone Marrow Transplant Family Support Program to offer it to adult patients at Windsor Regional Hospital. Previously, it was only available to patients at Children's Hospital of Western Ontario. We are also quite excited to be able to launch a research sponsorship program and have elected to sponsor research being conducted at the University of Montreal that is looking for a way to

identify dangerous donors in terms of potential for Graft vs. Host Disease, a common and sometimes *fatal* side effect of bone marrow transplants.

The success we have had this past year is unquestionably due to the wonderful people that help our cause. I would like to personally thank the Board of Directors as well as the many people that volunteer their time and help with our fundraising activities.

We hope you will be able to join us at Bowling for Bone Marrow and the John Fox Memorial Golf Tournament this year. Looking forward to continued success in 2007!

Bryan Bedard



Transplant Family Support Program Committee

Since the inception of the Transplant Family Support Program, we are pleased to advise that we have been able to financially assist six families. During our first year, the Transplant Family Support Plan serviced only children in the Southwestern Ontario area.

This coming year, we have expanded our program to include adults in the Windsor and Essex County area as well. If applications or referrals are received from other sources, the Transplant Family Support Committee will review these on a case by case basis.

The committee members of the Transplant Family Support Program wish to extend their sincere thanks to the many generous donors whose financial support has contributed to the great success of this program.

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JOIN THE REGISTRY TODAY

- You must be 17 to 50 years of age to be eligible.
- Fill out an application form and send it to Canadian Blood Services.
- Attend a simple blood test.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

contact 1-888-2DONATE or visit our website at




www.givemarrow.net



Public Relations and Marketing Committee

The KBBMA is thrilled to announce the launch of our Umbilical Cord Blood Awareness Campaign. This newest campaign is in partnership with the VON of Windsor/Essex and Cells for Life, a world-renown cord blood banking facility in Markham, Ontario. Thousands of babies are born each year in the province of Ontario and many parents are unaware that their precious cord blood could be used to save a life. The stems cells collected from donated cord blood can treat over 70 diseases including leukemia and lymphoma. Our campaign aims to inform parents of their option to donate cord blood to the Victoria Angel Registry of Hope run by Cells for Life and to cover the associated shipping costs. Over 600 expectant parents enrolled in the VON's prenatal classes will soon be invited to donate their child's umbilical cord blood thanks to the KBBMA. Cells for Life has generously donated its resources to help increase donations. Finally, the KBBMA is proud to announce the donation of two thousand dollars to allow couples to ship their sample free of charge. We believe that this partnership with the VON and Cells for Life will result in many more lives being saved. We also will continue to press for the creation of a national cord blood registry in Canada. Please help us spread the word and consider making a financial donation to allow even more of these precious stem cells to reach those in need.

WHAT DOES OUR ORGANIZATION DO?

-  Raise **AWARENESS** about the desperate need for bone marrow donors and encourage people to join the bone marrow registry.
-  Provide **FINANCIAL SUPPORT** to patients undergoing a bone marrow transplant through our Family Support Program.
-  Sponsor bone marrow transplant related **RESEARCH** in hopes of finding better alternatives for patients faced with a bone marrow transplant.

People Who Make A Difference

Our organization is extremely fortunate to have a wonderful group of committed individuals who give of their time and talents to promote the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association. They are:

President - Bryan Bedard

Vice-President and Chair - Transplant Family Support Plan - Joanne Bedard

Secretary - Melba Bedard

Treasurer - Nancy Leavoy

Chair - Research - Mark Ruttle

Chair - Public Relations & Marketing - Paul Hammond

Chair - Web Site and Partners for Life Coordinator - Nicholle Kuzniak

Chair- Fundraising - Kevin Mayea

Director - Rhonda Mayea

Director - Carolyn Mayea

Director - Jackie Leardi

Director - Frances Hammond

Director - Cherylann Stachow

Director and Volunteer Coordinator - Andrea Sulyok

Director - Ken Roughton

Script Writer/Newsletter - Alice Friesen

Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator - Laura White

Volunteer Information

Do you want to be involved in our organization? Do you want to help out?

There are a few things we need help with:

- ◆ Work at our booth at community events and health fairs.
- ◆ Help organize fundraising events.
- ◆ Write articles for our website.
- ◆ Public speaking engagements.
- ◆ Graphic design, posters, brochures.
- ◆ Join our Board of Directors - a wonderful resume building opportunity!

If you would like more information about volunteering in our organization, we would love to hear from you!



Research Sponsorship Committee

The goal of the Research Sponsorship Committee is to use funds generously donated to the KBBMA to assist researchers in bone marrow transplantation and related fields such as marrow collection, recipient post operative care or techniques aimed at increasing success rates of transplantation. Without question, the main reason medicine is able to perform miracles daily, is because of past research and this is why the Board of Directors at the KBBMA has chosen to make research support one of our main focuses. An article written in the Toronto Globe and Mail, published Monday January 29, 2007 entitled **Study pinpoints genes that predict bone marrow 'dangerous donors'** piqued the curiosity of one of our board members and lead us to contact Dr. Claude Perreault at L'Université de Montreal.

Dr. Perreault and his research team have developed a test to identify a potentially "Dangerous Donor" or a marrow donor that is more likely to trigger rejection in a recipient. This advance is likely to reduce the occurrences of Graft vs. Host Disease and even reduce the need for some recipients to use immune suppressant drugs after transplant. Unfortunately, it is too late for us to help finance this ground breaking research, but there are always new projects in the works.

Dr. Perreault has shared some details of his next project with us and we feel it is every bit as valuable as the one mentioned here. Thus we have decided to donate \$5,000.00 to Dr. Perreault through L'Université de Montreal this year. With continued fund raising success, we hope to increase this amount annually and in the future potentially fund an entire research project, which could cost between \$60,000 and \$150,000 per year.

Thanks to all of you who donated last year. Because of your generosity we will be able to support Dr. Perreault and his colleagues in their efforts. While Dr. Perreault's is the first project we have chosen, we will continuously look for other worthwhile projects to contribute to.

To read the article mentioned above from the Canadian Press, visit:

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2007/01/30/bone-marrow.html>

For more information on Dr. Claude Perreault, his bio can be found at:

http://www.irc.ca/Recherche/Chercheurs/Perreault_C_EN.html



Partners For Life Program

We are very proud that the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association is a member of the Canadian Blood Service's 'Partners for Life' Program.

Partners for Life is a nationwide program that is designed for corporate and community organizations. By joining the program, our organization made a commitment to save lives by donating blood as a team. The need for blood is ongoing, and patients that are treated for such things as leukemia, surgery, other cancers, and trauma depend on a stable supply of blood year round, which is why Partners for Life organizations have the power to save lives!

Patients that undergo a bone marrow transplant need a large number of blood transfusions both before and after their transplant as well as during their initial treatment. Including their pre-transplant treatment, it is not uncommon for a transplant patient to need over **100 transfusions**. These patients cannot survive without the support of blood donors in their community. We feel this is another excellent way to help patients faced with a bone marrow transplant.

The KBBMA has pledged to donate 30 units of blood in 2007. If you would like to help the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association achieve or surpass our pledge please contact us at info@givemarrow.net for more information. To have your blood donations counted towards our goal, please visit: <http://www.givemarrow.net/downloads/partnersforlife.jpg>.



Website Committee

The Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association's Website Committee creates and maintains the organization's web presence. The purpose of the committee is to keep our viewers informed on what is happening with our organization, provide a resource for information regarding bone marrow donation, cord blood donation and related issues. Our web site has an "I Joined" guestbook where you can stand up and be proud that you joined the registry. Whether you joined the registry 10 years ago or joined this week, stop by and sign your name and leave a little note to say what inspired you to get on the registry. We are always looking for volunteers too, so please contact us if you are interested.

Remember... come visit us at:

www.givemarrow.net.



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this brochure along to
co-workers, family
members and friends.

Fundraising Committee

Looking for an afternoon of family fun? The second annual Bowling for Bone Marrow, "Throw a Strike for the Gift of Life" will be held on **Saturday, August 25, 2007**. It's an afternoon of fun with games for kids, great prizes and of course bowling, all for a good cause. Be sure to register early to guarantee your spot. To register, phone 519-564-4119 or fill out the registration form on our web site, www.givemarrow.net. Lane sponsorships are available at a cost of \$100 per lane.

What: Bowling for Bone Marrow 2007

When: Saturday, August 25, 2007

Check-in: 12:00 pm

Bowling: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where: Bowlero Bowling Alley

Address: 675 Tecumseh Rd West, Windsor

All ages welcome



Fore! Our good friends from the **John Fox Memorial Golf Tournament** are generously donating the proceeds from this event to the Katelyn Bedard Bone Marrow Association again this year. The tournament will be held on **Sunday, August 12, 2007 at the Tilbury Golf & Curling Club**. For more information, telephone (519) 564-4119.

Last year, **Bowling for Bone Marrow raised over \$14,000** and the **John Fox Memorial raised over \$4,000**. It is thanks to this generous support that we have been able to expand our family support program and launch our research sponsorship program. We hope to grow these events so that we can do even more to help bone marrow transplant patients in the coming year. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone that supports us, we hope to see you again this year at these wonderful events!



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