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Press Release

Life-Saving Donor Drive Scheduled For Local Child-care Provider

Marrow, Blood Cell Transplants Provide Second Chance at Life For Thousands

A community marrow recruitment drive for Be the Match (BTM), operated by the National Marrow Donor Program registry will be taking place in our local area. This drive will provide our local community members the opportunity to join others across the country who want to give the gift of life by joining the Be the Match, National Marrow Donor Program® BTM Registry.

The drive will take place on **Monday, December 14, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Walnut Avenue Women's Center, 303 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz.** In addition to the marrow drive, a food fundraiser will be available to help defer the cost of DNA tissue typing for new donors. "We depend on the public's generosity to continue our work. Your tax deductible donation to Be The Match SM foundation will help us add more donors to the registry, making life saving transplants a reality for more patients. The total cost to add a new donor to the registry is about \$100.00, but new donors will not be turned away if they are unable to make a donation," said Magda Silva, Account Executive of BTM marrow registry.

"Thousands of patients with life-threatening diseases need transplants and do not find a donor in their family. We are encouraging local residents to come to the drive to learn how they could help save a life," said Magda Silva, Account Executive of BTM marrow registry.

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