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Subject: A MITZVAH - can you help?

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Dear Friends:

There are times in life when we need the help of everyone we know, friends, members of the communities and groups we belong to, colleagues in the work place and even strangers. Now is such a time for the Cohen family!

Alan Cohen a 49-year old investment manager has an aggressive life-threatening disease...acute erythroleukemia.

He is the son of Lilly and the late George Cohen, husband of Judy, father of twelve-year old twins Maddy and Wendy, brother of Susan and son-in-law, cousin, nephew and uncle...much loved by his extended family.

Alan is currently at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, where he is getting excellent medical treatment, including chemotherapy. Because his leukemia is progressing so rapidly, he will need a bone marrow transplant within a matter of weeks.

We are seeking a "match" from a person who can contribute a small amount of bone marrow that can replace Alan's toxic bone marrow and cure him. History records many successful transplants of this type. The donor the doctors seek would probably be Jewish, Ashkenazi and possibly but not necessarily a Cohen. The test for a donor match consists of a saliva sample from someone between 18 and 60 years old, with no history of chemotherapy treatment.

American and Israeli bone registries have and continue to search for a match. Thousands of recent swabs are being urgently analyzed at these registries with underwriting by York Capital, Alan's firm, plus other generous donors.

BUT, WE NEED THOUSANDS MORE PEOPLE TO BE TESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE because in Alan's particular case a match is difficult to find. Please note, by expanding the number of people listed in the bone marrow registries other lives will be saved as well!

Thank you from all of us the Cohen Family and Friends

There is no greater mitzvah than saving a life.
Thank you so much for your help.

ACTION STEPS IN THE CAMPAIGN TO HELP ALAN -What You Can Do

1. FREE Swab Tests Available in NYC and Westchester

- In NYC, Sponsored by Hillel - giftoflife.org
Sunday, November 15, 9 AM - 3 PM Lincoln Square
Synagogue,
200 Amsterdam Avenue (69 Street), (646) 824-7225.
- Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Hunter
College,
Hillel Lounge, Thomas Hunter Hall, Room 501, 695 Park Ave.
- Thursday, November 19, 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Hunter College,
Hillel Table, 3rd floor, 695 Park Avenue, (646) 932-2512.
- In NYC, Sponsored by York Capital
Thursday, November 19, 11 AM - 7 PM, York Capital, 767 Fifth
Ave.
1300.
(former GM Building), near 59 Street, 17th floor. (212) 300-
- In Westchester, Sponsored by an Anonymous Donor
Sunday, November 22, 9AM - 1PM, Temple Beth Abraham, 25
Le Roy
Ave., Tarrytown, (914) 631-1770.

2. JOIN A BONE MARROW REGISTRY ON LINE. If you can't make it in person, you can go on line and a swabbing kit will be mailed to you. Instructions for collecting the sample and mailing back will be included with the kit. Go to: giftoflife.org, click on "Register NOW as a Donor" and use the code SAVEALAN when prompted.

3. DONATE MONEY TO ONE OF THE TWO BONE MARROW REGISTRIES SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN GET TESTED AND HAVE THEIR SWABS PROCESSED QUICKLY.

Ezer Mizion, a dedicated bone marrow registry in Israel will be collecting 8,000 samples in the near future, including from Israeli Army recruits. Each sample costs \$45 to process. Go to ezermizionpartners.org/Alan2.html, or, send your check made out to Ezer Mizion to: York Capital, 767 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10153, Att: Daniel Dauber.

Gift of Life at giftoflife.org is the dedicated Jewish bone marrow registry in the U.S. Information about donating is found on the web site.

4. PLEASE FORWARD THIS E-MAIL TO EVERYONE YOU KNOW.

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