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Need for Mixed Race Bone Marrow Donors Is Great

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My name is Athena Mari Asklipiadis and I started [Mixed Marrow](#) through [Asians for Miracle Marrow Matches \(A3M\)](#) in 2009 in response to the lack of mixed race donors on the national bone marrow registry. I am of mixed race myself and my life changed when I met patient Krissy Kobata. She was my age and her story made me realize blood diseases like cancer can strike anyone at anytime. The difference with her disease and some others is that with a bone marrow they can be cured, but the problem is that there is such a lack of registered donors. Native Americans and people of mixed race face the most difficult odds.

Through the years, we have lost many patients to diseases like cancer simply because they did not have a suitable donor match. This can all be prevented if the public knew how important this issue was and how preventable. Also, science has allowed for the technology to make use of umbilical cord blood which is usually discarded after a baby is born.

So much can be done to save lives. Please help support our cause and register or ask us how you can help!

For more information, visit:

- [Mixed Marrow](#)
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ACTIONS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

YOU CAN HELP!

IDEA 1: Help save a life. Join the national bone marrow donor registry.

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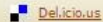


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