



# AT WORK IN ILLINOIS

Your contribution delivers cures in Illinois and across the nation.

For people with life-threatening blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma or other diseases, a cure exists. Be The Match® raises funds to connect patients with their marrow match for a life-saving marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. With the public's help, we give patients a reason to hope and the power to heal.

In Illinois, there are **342** patients who are hoping for a cure.<sup>1</sup> Like 70% of all patients, they do not have a fully matched donor in their family. **But there is hope, and it comes from people like you.**

## Delivering cures for blood cancers<sup>SM</sup>

Since 1996, we have facilitated **2,109** in Illinois.<sup>2</sup> But finding a marrow donor is only one of the many challenges a patient may face. Our mission is to eliminate barriers to transplant so more patients have a second chance at life.

## Grow the registry to create more matches

More patients have the chance to get the transplant they need because of those who have the commitment to donate their life-saving cells to any patient in need.

Number of Illinois residents who have join Be The Match Registry <sup>®3</sup>	<b>231,447</b>
Number of Illinois residents who have donated marrow <sup>4</sup>	<b>1,223</b>

## Help patients afford transplant

We provide patient assistance grants to help families with out-of-pocket expense such as:

- The search for a donor
- Prescription co-pays
- Travel and lodging
- Other transplant related costs

Since these grants became available, **593** patients in Illinois have received **\$484,786** to help cover the insurance costs of a marrow transplant. Of these patients, **15%** were children.<sup>5</sup> Their lives were changed because of people like you.

## Fund live-saving research

Be The Match has been saving lives for more than 30 years. Our dedicated research program leads cutting-edge studies to improve survival rates, use transplant for other rare diseases and combat post-transplant complications. Your gift funds clinical trials and observational studies to provide cures in Illinois and across the nation.

**GIVE • JOIN • VOLUNTEER**

**Illinois ranks No. 8** in the nation for patients searching for a match.<sup>1</sup>

Rank	State	Patients Searching
1	CA	987
2	TX	897
3	NY	679
4	FL	643
<b>8</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>342</b>

**Illinois ranks No. 10** in the nation for transplants facilitated by Be The Match.<sup>2</sup>

Rank	State	Transplants
1	TX	6,122
2	CA	5,717
3	NY	3,923
4	MA	3,269
<b>10</b>	<b>IL</b>	<b>2,109</b>

**To find out more about the partners that work in Illinois please visit:**  
<https://bethematch.org/support-the-cause/>



**Partnerships help patients everywhere.**

Be The Match manages the largest and most diverse marrow registry in the world. Our global network counts on our technology, expertise and unparalleled logistical support to make transplants possible. From the moment doctors search our registry for a donor, to the safe delivery of the life-saving cells to patients’ bedsides for transplant, **we are there every step of the way.**

1. NMDP Finance Department report, from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. Total domestic formal searches (one per patient); based on the state where transplant center is located.  
 2. NMDP Finance Department report, from October 1, 1996 through September 30, 2015. Total domestic transplants; based on state where transplant center is located.  
 3. NMDP registry data as of September 2015.  
 4. NMDP registry data from 1987 – September 2015.  
 5. NMDP Office of Patient Advocacy report. Totals from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2015.



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