

BE THE MATCH

Sam was a typical 12 year old kid, honor student in school, talented violinist, good friend to his classmates who enjoyed archery, riflery and tubing on Lake Lanier. In January of 2013 he developed fever, body aches, fatigue and a bad sore throat that would not go away. We thought he had influenza so we had him rest at home for about a week. A blood test revealed the leukemia. He was admitted to Egleston the next day to begin chemotherapy for the AML. Despite the rigorous chemotherapy Sam has been a trooper. He has had minimal side effects to his treatment and avoided complications. He accepts the treatments, the bone marrow biopsies, the spinal taps and the month long hospital stays without complaint. He has befriended his nurses and his teachers at CHOA Egleston. He loves to play pranks on his nurses and doctors. Once he is done with his treatments he would like to volunteer to visit newly diagnosed AML patients so he can give them support and insight into the journey they have embarked. Sam and his family have received an incredible amount of support from Sam's school, his friends, his parents' work colleagues and patients, his neighbors and his extended family and their friends. Sam will finish his treatments in early July 2013. He will be returning to school in the fall.



All it takes to save a life is a cheek swab! YOU could be the ONE to save a life just like Sam's!

Join the Registry.

Saturday, July 20

12 pm -3 pm

**East Cobb Pediatrics
1121 Johnson Ferry Rd
Marietta, GA 30068**

To join at the drive, you only need to be between the ages of **18-44**, be willing to donate to any patient in need and meet the health guidelines.

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Please give what you can. Every \$100 raised helps us add another member to the registry. Checks can be made out to Be The Match.