

A Personal Request...

If you have felt some of our hospitality over the years, I'm hoping you can pay that hospitality forward with a simple q-tip swab to your cheek. While it may not directly help the person that we have in mind that we care about so much (although we are really hoping it does), it might save someone's life who is looking for the same thing...a match that could provide a needed stem cell donation to overcome leukaemia through a small and painless gift from a total stranger.



There is a world-wide database of 22 million individuals to choose from, and our friend, like many others, can't find a match. There are many such stories, but the more people who are willing to offer a swab, the better the odds get for everyone in the same situation.

If you are healthy and between 17 and 35 years old (or can share this with friends or family who fit the criteria-especially men who are the top donor candidates), we ask that you consider visiting us at Gezellig at 337 Richmond Road from 9 am -1 pm on Saturday, March 29th. A 10-15 minute commitment can tell if you have the markers for a possible stem cell donation to save someone's life. The test is effortless and in most cases you will never be called upon to donate, but with every test there is a greater chance that someone else has a shot at surviving this challenge.

Please consider this simple request, as even the thought of signing up is a gift to our family at Beckta, Play and Gezellig, and the families of all of those afflicted with this difficult disease.

With many thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Beckta'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Stephen Beckta