

**Drive for Charlotte
Bone Marrow Donor Registration
Sunday September 12th
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
East Athens and Wynnewood Roads
Ardmore**



Charlotte age 4, is suffering from Aplastic Anemia, the life threatening failure of her bone marrow to produce sufficient blood cells. She is currently receiving transfusions and may need a bone marrow transplant. There are no matches for her among her family or on the National Marrow Donor Program Registry.

To help Charlotte and the many other people who do not have a match, we are encouraging everyone in good health between the ages of 18 and 60 to register to become a bone marrow donor. Registration is easy - a simple swipe inside the mouth with a swab. There is no blood taken in the process. In the vast majority of cases (75%), donation is no more painful than giving blood as stem cells are taken from the bloodstream, rather than directly from the bone marrow. The other 25% of the time, bone marrow is withdrawn from the hip under general anesthesia (resulting in some soreness that goes away after a couple days).

Being a bone marrow donor is an incredible opportunity for an ordinary individual to be a hero and save a life. Please consider registering in September or online at <http://join.bethematch.org/charlottesmatch>. Click on "Join Now" and use promo code "CharlottesMatch". If you have any questions or need any further information, please visit www.marrow.org or call St. Paul's Lutheran Church at (610) 642-3211.