

You could be the cure for sickle cell



Tinisha, (above, right) donated to cure Zalika (left) from sickle cell disease.

Registry members **like you** could be the life-saving match for patients in need like, Thor (pictured below). He is still in need of a marrow match to cure his sickle cell disease.



A BLOOD OR MARROW TRANSPLANT IS THE ONLY KNOWN CURE FOR SICKLE CELL DISEASE (SCD)

- **1 out of every 365** Black or African Americans in the U.S. are born with sickle cell disease*.

*Wilson-Frederick, S. M. (2019). Prevalence of Sickle Cell Disease among Medicaid Beneficiaries in 2012.

- Patients are most likely to match someone of the same ethnic background.
- **Only 29%** of Black or African American patients are likely to find the marrow match needed for their cure. (National Marrow Donor Program*/Be The Match IT-Ideation Department FY20 Annual Numbers)

HOW TO SAVE A LIFE



1. Register Online

We'll ask you a series of questions to see if you meet basic qualifications.



2. Swab Cheek

It's easy—we will mail you a kit to swab your cheek for a sample of your DNA.



3. Get Matched

Genetics are complex. It could be weeks, months or years before you are contacted to donate.



4. Donate

Be ready, if called to donate you're the patient's best genetic match from the entire registry and perhaps their only hope for a cure.