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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Spreading Awareness

Manasvi Koul was diagnosed in September 2005 with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. After 2 relapses and a stem cell transplant Manasvi finally beat the disease. By December of 2009, as she recovered from her agonizing treatment, she had a bit more energy and felt well enough to finally use her wish through Make-a-Wish Foundation... to create awareness about the need for minorities to join the Registry. She would spread this word by creating a documentary.

She says, "Still, I do not want any family to face fear that my family faced; a real possibility of losing me!! So I decided to use my wish, which was granted by Make-A-Wish Foundation to create awareness and recruit marrow and cord blood donors in poorly represented genetic groups. I know if I do enough drives, I would have recruited at least one donor in our drives who could be a match for an unknown person, and I somehow had a small role to play in giving a family a second chance to life and happiness".

Manasvi created LIVEbeyond Foundation, which is her effort to "live beyond" herself, her needs and wishes. It has been one of her dreams to start since she beat cancer. She has held drives that have resulted on over 200 people joining the Registry and helped to raise over \$500,000 for the hospitals where she received treatment.

Her documentary, which was made possible by Make-A-Wish, has been completed and is now in the first stage of editing. Please visit her website at <http://livebeyondfoundation.org/> for more information.



Manasvi is pictured 2nd from Right

**Article paraphrased from Manasvi's website livebeyondfoundation.org*

Want to get involved but don't
know who to contact?

Email Erin Pavelchak,
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2010
TRIBUTE TO PARTNERSHIP
► DINNER & AUCTION EVENT

On September 25 the Be The Match Foundation ® will pay tribute to the 4 Georgia Transplant Centers and several community partners who have hosted marrow donor drives. The event will take place at Agnes Scott College and will feature a first time meeting between a Georgia transplant recipient and her life-saving marrow donor. For more information on this event please contact Carisa Hettich at chettich@nmdp.org