

## At Work in Florida

NMDP<sup>™</sup> is a leader in cell therapy, helping to find cures and save lives for patients with blood cancers, disorders and beyond. We're expanding access so that every patient can receive their life-saving cell therapy. Here's what our work looks like in your state:

## 2023 State Impact

**5,278 searching patients** from 2019–23

**1,909 transplants** from 2019–23

**610 donors** answered the call from 2019–23

411,788 residents willing to donate

# Your support helps push the boundaries of what's possible.

From the moment a patient is diagnosed, we're there every step of the way. We create more opportunities for better outcomes. One way we do this is by providing patient assistance grants to help families cover out-of-pocket expenses related to transplant.

Since these grants became available, **667 patients in Florida** have received financial assistance totaling **\$1,540,045 to help more patients** go through the transplant process. Of these patients, **12% were children.** 

## NMDP Network Partners in Florida

#### **APHERESIS CENTERS**

- Gift of Life NMDP Collection Center
- UF Health Shands Hospital

#### **COLLECTION CENTERS**

- UF Health Shands Hospital
- H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center

#### **TRANSPLANT CENTERS**

- Mayo Clinic in Florida
- AdventHealth Medical Group Blood & Marrow Transplant Center at Orlando
- Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital Pediatric Blood & Bone Marrow Transplant Center
- Moffitt Malignant Hematology and Cellular Therapy
- Jackson Memorial Hospital
- UF Health Shands Hospital
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
- AdventHealth for Children
- Miami Cancer Institute
- Orlando Health Cancer Institute

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## 2023 National Impact

- Since 1987, NMDP has facilitated more than 125,000 transplants. In 2023, NMDP impacted 7,435 lives through cell therapy.
- Today, patients have access to more than **41 million** potential donors worldwide.
- In 2023, NMDP provided **\$5.5 million** in patient assistance grants to more than **2,600 families**.

## World-Class Partner

With the help of blood cell and marrow donors from the world's most diverse registry and our extensive network of transplant partners, physicians and caregivers, we're expanding access to treatment so every patient can receive their life-saving cell therapy. We strive to deliver the best experiences and services as the essential partner in cell therapy and remove the barriers to equitable access at all our locations.

- 4 Domestic Donor Centers
- 59 Domestic Collection Centers
- 73 Domestic Apheresis Centers
- 156 Domestic Transplant Centers
- 48 International Cooperative Registries

### NMDP is a global leader in cell therapy.

- Entrusted by Congress for 35+ years: Since the inception of the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (the national registry), Congress has authorized NMDP to oversee the program.
- NMDP finds cures and saves lives. NMDP manages the most diverse listing of potential donors in the world (the national registry).
- We treat and cure over 75 diseases through cell therapy.
- Accelerating Progress: Underscoring NMDP's commitment to expanding access to cell therapy, we recently published findings showing that using expanded matching criteria could result in a nearly three-fold increase in the likelihood of securing a suitable donor. This breakthrough dramatically increases the chances of finding a match on the national registry, offering cell transplantation as a viable, life-saving therapy, regardless of ancestry.



Colleen Patient and volunteer, Florida

In April 2009, I was listening to "Being Alive" by Stephen Sondheim while waiting for lab results. When the doctor walked in, I hit pause, and he delivered a diagnosis of chronic myelogenous leukemia.

"Being Alive" was perhaps the perfect song for that moment. It can be interpreted in many ways. I see it as meaning life is beautiful, messy, complex and full of challenges.

Luckily, I like irony, appreciate sarcasm and adore laughter. I can confirm all three are useful in a long cancer journey. But to survive and truly thrive, I would need the help of others.

Years into my journey, the medication that should have kept my disease manageable didn't control the leukemia fast enough and left me with dangerously low platelets. I needed healthy cells from a stranger to replace my immune system. None of my family members or friends were a viable bone marrow match. That's when we turned to NMDP and the national registry.

My life-saving match was eventually found, and in August 2012, I underwent chemotherapy and a transplant. NMDP made my medical journey possible and successful. My medical team was stellar and compassionate. My family and friends wrapped me in love and comfort. My son made me laugh and kept nourishing my soul with his smiles.

Today, I recognize that the journey to healing is not as accessible for all as it was for me. Volunteering with NMDP allows me to work on many fronts, such as increasing and diversifying the donor registry and educating folks about cell therapy.

"It wasn't easy, but I had the foundation to successfully fight a deadly blood disorder: a stable career, robust insurance, a support community and above all – a match who was willing and able to donate."