

# At Work in Alaska

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 lifesaving cell therapy. Here's what our work looks like in your state:

### 2023 State Impact

**101 searching patients** from 2019–23

62 transplants from 2019-23

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

12,385 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, **25 patients in Alaska** have received financial assistance totaling **\$94,100 to help more patients** go through the transplant process.



## 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.



Kelly Recipient and caregiver, Alaska

When Kelly's nine-year-old son Logan was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), a rare blood cancer, she knew the road ahead would be tough.

The family turned to NMDP when they couldn't find a matching donor among their relatives. Unfortunately, Logan did not have a match on the national registry and passed away in 1998, surrounded by his family.

Stricken with grief, Kelly wanted to help other families facing blood cancer and diseases, so she began hosting donor drives to expand and diversify the registry. When Kelly later began experiencing shortness of breath and extreme fatigue, she recognized the symptoms from taking care of Logan. In 2014, Kelly was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML).

Unlike Logan, Kelly was fortunate to find a match on the registry.

While she was going through her transplant journey, Kelly was struck by how close she felt to Logan. "I could feel what he went through," she said. "I will always be able to share that with him."

Today, Kelly has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has undergone a mastectomy. As she recovers, she hopes to soon resume work hosting donor recruitment drives for NMDP in the hope that every searching patient receives their life-saving cell therapy. Her transplant allowed her to continue being a wife, mother and grandmother, as well as begin work as an oncology social worker to support other cancer patients.