

## At Work in Kansas

NMDP<sup>sh</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



801 searching patients





234 transplants

from 2019-23



127 donors

answered the call from 2019-23



**50,110 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, 128 patients in Kansas have received financial assistance totaling \$321,065 to help more patients go through the transplant process. Of these patients, 16% were children.



#### 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.



Olivia Advocate, Kansas

I arrived at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kan., as an enthusiastic and scared freshman nursing student. I wondered if I was going to be able to make friends and how I would make connections on campus.

The first place I turned to was sorority life. I joined Sigma Sigma Sigma, which led me to one of my closest friends. My friend was my true inspiration. She told me that she had acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) as a child, beat it and now lives a healthy life.

She wanted to raise awareness and make a difference by volunteering. Together, we established Pittsburg State's first NMDP Chapter.

Shortly after starting the chapter, we were connected to a local Pittsburg family who was supporting their daughter during her battle with leukemia. We were determined to try to help the family manage during their ordeal. Events were held, money was raised and potential donors swabbed their mouths in hopes of being the match she needed.

Sadly, she was not as fortunate as my friend.

"Today, her memory drives our organization to continue the fight for a cure, to expand the registry and it ultimately drove me to become an Advocacy Volunteer."