

Dear Friends, Family and Co-Workers,

My dear friend, Sheri (Chin) Co, was suddenly diagnosed last month with leukemia. It has been difficult for those close to her, especially her husband and three children (ages 12, 10 and 7 years old). We have been close friends since high school, attended UC Davis together, and she was a member of my wedding party. I was able to be with her in LA while she went through an intensive round of chemo. Sheri's spirit is so positive and her faith is amazingly strong, despite the pain she is feeling and the long road ahead.

We are holding drives throughout Northern and Southern California. I, specifically, am helping with two Elk Grove drives on Saturday, November 6, 2010 and Sunday, November 7, 2010.

Dates, time, and location information of all local drives are listed below. Flyers suitable for printing can be found here:

<http://mcfong.fastmail.net/sherylco>

We are looking for a donor who is of Chinese descent to be the match for her. Unfortunately, the pool for Asian bone marrow donors, let alone Chinese descent, is extremely small. In the past, donating bone marrow has been known to be extremely painful. However, the process has come a long way and I encourage you to check out the Bone Marrow National Registry for information on the two procedures: nonsurgical and surgical:

<http://www.marrows.org/>

There is an FAQ and Myth and Fact section on this website as well.

These web pages helped me to educate myself about the many misconceptions about donating bone marrow:

http://www.marrows.org/JOIN/FAQs_about_Joining_the_Registry
http://www.marrows.org/JOIN/Myths_%26_Facts_about_Marrow_Don

It only takes about 10 minutes to swab your cheeks and send in your sample. If you are unable to attend any of the drives, you can request a home kit online:

<http://www.aadp.org/pages/register.php>
http://www.marrows.org/JOIN/Join_Now/join_now.html

If you are interested, curious or hesitant, please inform yourself of the process. Please know that you can always call or email me if you have questions and/or concerns. Whether you participate in a bone marrow drive or not, I encourage you to spread the word. Please feel free to send this email to as many people as possible.

With love and gratitude,
Marilyn

Northern California Drives

Saturday, October 30, 2010
10:00AM-3:00PM
Cumberland Church of Daly City

101 Vista Grande Avenue (x Santa Barbara)
Daly City, CA 94014
650-991-3862

Held in conjunction with their Diabetes Day. Feel free to invite those who would benefit from Diabetes Screening/Education.

Saturday, November 6, 2010

10:00AM-4:30PM

Xaris Church

2354 Maritime Dr., Suite #100

Elk Grove, CA 95758

916-479-4645

Saturday, November 6, 2010

7:00PM-9:30PM

YMCA - Chinatown

855 Sacramento St.

San Francisco, CA 94108

Sunday, November 7, 2010

10:30AM-1:00PM

Presbyterian Church of Chinatown/Cameron House

925 Stockton (between Clay & Washington)

San Francisco, CA

Contact: Jeanette Huie

Sunday, November 7, 2010

9:30AM-3:00PM

Laguna Chinese Baptist Church

9215 Neosho Dr.

Elk Grove, CA 96758

916-479-4645

Southern California Drives

Sunday, November 7, 2010

11:30AM-2:00AM

First Evangelical Church (Everett's and Sheri's home church)

522 W. Broadway

Glendale, CA 91204

818-240-5633

Sunday, November 21, 2010

10AM-1:30AM

Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles

1255 San Gabriel Blvd.

Rosemead, CA 91770

626-280-0477