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**Delete Blood Cancer Holds Bone Marrow Drive for 7 Year Old Denton Girl**  
*Bone Marrow Drive Held on Saturday, April 2, 2016*

**Denton, TX, March 9, 2016:** For most of her young life, 7 year old Denton 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, Hallie has been looking for something you can't buy in a store: She's searching for a total stranger to cure a rare blood disorder. Hallie Bea, as she's affectionately called, was just an infant when she was diagnosed with diamond blackfan anemia, a very rare condition where the bone marrow is unable to produce enough red blood cells. Blood transfusions and steroids keep her disease in check for now, but a bone marrow transplant is her only hope for a cure.

"I'm seven years old, I love puppies, my favorite color is purple and I'm looking for a bone marrow match," explained Hallie at a donor registration drive held in August 2015. The charming second-grader also unveiled some big ideas about what she wants to do when she grows up. "I'm not sure yet, but I'm either going to be a doctor, a spy or an animal rescuer!"

Hallie's younger brother and sister are perfect matches for each other, but not for Hallie. A bone marrow transplant using cells from a complete stranger is the only cure right. Hallie's Heroes will be holding a bone marrow donor drive on Saturday, April 2 from 12pm – 5pm at the Denton Courthouse Lawn on the Square following a 5K benefitting Hallie's Heroes in Denton.

Every day thousands of patients search for a bone marrow donor match. Only four out of 10 patients are lucky enough to receive a transplant. The only way to change those odds is by ensuring there are more potential donors available for patients in need like Hallie. Registration is simple and consists of swabbing the inside of the mouth and completing a registration form. Anyone in good health between the ages of 18 to 55 is eligible. Those who are unable to attend the drive may still learn more and register as a donor online at [DeleteBloodCancer.org](http://DeleteBloodCancer.org).

**About Delete Blood Cancer DKMS**

Delete Blood Cancer DKMS is part of the world's largest network of donor centers. Our mission is to build the number of suitable bone marrow and stem cell donors, because we believe that no life should be lost due to an inability to find a donor match. We have registered more than 6 million potential donors and facilitated more than 54,000 transplants around the world. But we're not stopping there. We lead the fight against blood cancer by working with families, communities and organizations to recruit donors and provide more patients with second chances at life.

For more information or to register as a bone marrow donor, please visit [DeleteBloodCancer.org](http://DeleteBloodCancer.org).

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