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Delete Blood Cancer and DKMS Register 5 Million Potential Donors Worldwide
International Bone Marrow Donor Center Reaches 5 Million Registrations

New York, NY, January 28, 2015: Delete Blood Cancer – the U.S. contingent of DKMS and a part of the world’s largest bone marrow donor center – announced today that it reached a record number of registered donors this past weekend, passing the 5 million mark. This major accomplishment symbolizes worldwide support for patients fighting blood cancers and other blood and bone marrow disorders.

Eighteen year-old Norbert Rekawek from Warsaw, Poland became the five millionth person to register with DKMS as a potential donor. “I am so happy and proud to be the 5 millionth person to register with the DKMS family, and I hope to be a match for someone in need,” said Norbert. “I support many volunteer initiatives, but this is something special – the possibility of saving a life!”

Delete Blood Cancer and DKMS – the only donor center operating on its global scale – work with families, communities and organizations around the world to increase the number of suitable bone marrow donors and ultimately provide more patients with a second chance at life. Much of this work includes dispelling common myths about the donation process and celebrating how donations from benevolent strangers have the potential to save thousands of lives each year.

"Delete Blood Cancer and DKMS as a whole are proud to announce this collaborative achievement and the significance of our five millionth registration globally," remarked Carina Ortel, CEO of Delete Blood Cancer in the U.S. "We are grateful for all our volunteers and supporters around the world who enable us to fight the odds for patients and achieve these milestones, and we look forward to advancing our mission in 2015."

Every 35 seconds, someone around the world is diagnosed with a blood cancer. The more people register as potential donors worldwide, the better the odds will be to help every patient in need. DKMS continues to work toward this mission by registering potential donors in Poland, Germany, the UK and the U.S. To learn more, register as a potential donor or give financially, please visit DeleteBloodCancer.org.

About Delete Blood Cancer

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 5 million potential donors and facilitated more than 46,000 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.

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