



2021 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



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Dear Friend of Gift of Life,

We are nearly two years into a pandemic that disrupted global health care and the supply lines that support it. Yet Gift of Life not only maintained our operations, we advanced several major initiatives and achieved critical milestones in our mission to save lives.

Our incredible donors are so excited when they learn they are a match for a patient, and are proud to take time from their own busy lives to help someone in need. Many of them say they donate not only for the patient's sake, but also for the family and friends who make up that patient's world. Once again, we surpassed the number of completed transplants done in the previous year – no small feat considering the impact the pandemic has had on donors' lives, the courier network, and transplant centers.



In 2021, Gift of Life began a new venture that will increase our lifesaving capabilities. We launched Gift of Life Biologics, a service that partners with medical research organizations to engage in the production of new and groundbreaking cellular therapy products to fight cancer as well as other diseases.

The Adelson Collection Center achieved its first big milestone, 500 stem cell collections since it opened in fall 2019. We celebrated in true Gift of Life form by bringing a donor and recipient together at our offices for their heartwarming and emotional first meeting.

We closed 2021 with 283 transplants facilitated – an incredible 49 more than in 2020 and the most ever for Gift of Life – and which also brings us to more than 4,000 transplants completed since our founding. We are rapidly closing in on 400,000 active donors in the registry and our recruitment department grew our Campus Ambassadors to more than 500 students in 2021.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, and the patients we serve around the world, thank you for the ongoing support you provide and for being with us every day on this incredible journey.

Sincerely,

Jay A. Feinberg
Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Stephen B. Siegel
Chairman of the Board

Our COVID Precautions Continue to Keep Donors and Staff Safe



In 2021, we continued to fight blood cancer concurrently with the persistent COVID-19 pandemic continuing to affect our operations.

Gift of Life has maintained rigorous entry restrictions, temperature checks, and masking requirements within our facilities. Combined with regularly scheduled deep cleaning and sanitizing, our policies have proved successful for the safety of our donors and staff members.

Donors are invited to arrive at our facility several days in advance and receive their Neupogen injections at the hotel or in the collection center. This mitigates last minute travel complications and helps ensure that donors are healthy on their donation day.

Stem cell collections continue to be cryopreserved so unpredictable travel issues do not interrupt critical, lifesaving transplant schedules. Cryopreservation is now done within our own facility with a high level of quality control.

As hospitals around the country experience COVID surges that affect their operations, Gift of Life continues to provide a safe, out-of-hospital collection center where donors can be re-routed so blood stem cell donations can go forward in a timely way.

GIFT OF LIFE 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- > **Saved 283 lives**
- > **Founded Gift of Life Biologics**
- > **Introduced 16 Gift of Life donors to their recipients**
- > **Recruited 16,344 new donors to the registry**
- > **Taught 564 Campus Ambassadors how to run recruitment drives on campus**
- > **Celebrated 30 Years of Saving Lives**



**Gift of Life
Biologics**

Redefining Cell and Gene Therapy Starting Material

Today, incredible advances are being made in immunotherapies that begin with blood stem cells, the same cells we currently use for transplantation to cure blood cancer and more than 70 other diseases. There is now a significant demand from medical research and biopharmaceutical firms for peripheral blood stem cells to form the building blocks for next generation living drugs.

Gift of Life has stepped up to meet this exciting moment in medical innovation by creating the Gift of Life Biologics division.

“Our goal for Biologics is to be a single source for the new era of therapeutics by tapping into our donor registry, collection center, cell therapy laboratory, quality systems and information technology, all housed under one roof at Gift of Life’s 32,000 s.f. headquarters,” said Gift of Life Founder and CEO Jay Feinberg.



With more than 390,000 donors in the registry who are already tissue-type tested, and an in-house apheresis facility to collect stem cells, Gift of Life is able to provide medical research and development organizations with the cells needed to create new medications.

Some immunotherapy products may target specific types of cancer, while others may be customized to treat a patient with a rare condition when no other options exist.

“When we invite donors to give stem cells for research projects through Biologics, they have the potential to save many lives with one donation,” said Gift of Life Biologics Cell Therapy Operations Manager Anna Rehlich.

Cellular therapies are the future of medicine, and through its commitment to innovation and development, Gift of Life is positioned to be at the forefront of this medical revolution.

“IN HONOR OF WENDY SIEGEL” DONOR CIRCLE REACHES 1,000 MATCHES!



In May 2021, Gift of Life held a surprise Zoom party to mark the milestone of 1,000 matches for patients found through the “In Honor of Wendy Siegel” donor circle. Dozens of Wendy’s friends, her donor circle supporters, and Gift of Life staff members were there to celebrate.

At that time, Wendy’s Donor Circle had added more than 90,000 volunteer donors to the registry, resulting in 1,083 matches and an incredible 148 transplants. Together, Wendy and her husband Steve continue their efforts in fundraising, and cultivating new donors to join Gift of Life in its lifesaving mission.

***TO DATE, 1,210 MATCHES FOUND AND 163 LIVES SAVED.**

“

You’re not a hero because you end up having a condition or a disease or a sickness. You’re a hero because you take whatever is given to you and you do something meaningful with it that really can change a life, change the world.

Wendy Siegel

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Donor and Recipient Introductions

A recent blood stem cell donor, Tory, told us after donating that, “Being able to save someone’s life means the world to me.” He’s not alone. Many donors say the experience of helping a patient and their family is life-changing. Gift of Life was excited and gratified to be able to bring together 16 heroic donors with the amazing people they saved, during both virtual and in-person events held in 2021.



Josh, 23, met his recipient Dave, 49, during the Gift of Life Collection Center’s 500th Donation Celebration



Rebecca, 29, met her recipient, Rosa, 40, at the National Menorah Lighting Ceremony



David, 25, met his recipient Amir, 18, at the Miami Beach Police Department “Swab2Save” Day

Stem cell donor Josh Posner joined Gift of Life during UDance at University of Delaware in 2016. In a special ceremony at Gift of Life’s headquarters to celebrate 500 stem cell donations at the Adelson Collection Center, he met his recipient, Dave Fromson. “Donating was single-handedly the greatest thing I’ve done in my life,” said Josh.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Hillel International

Rebecca Berg, who joined the registry on her Birthright Israel trip, was honored to meet her stem cell recipient Rosa Warsaw across from the White House during the National Menorah Lighting Ceremony. “The second I found out I was a match for her, I felt that we were connected forever,” said Rebecca. “Thank you so much, I have two young boys and a husband, and I am forever grateful,” Rosa replied.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Max and Sunny Howard Memorial Foundation

David Marder joined the registry in Israel in 2014, and four years later donated stem cells to a teen boy battling an immune system disorder. The two were thrilled to finally meet in person. “To me he’s like a hero. This changed my life completely and I’m very thankful,” said Amir. “This is incredible. To help another person live is the most basic human trait,” said David.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Evie Goldfine’s Fundraising Campaign



Donating was single-handedly the greatest thing I’ve done in my life.

— JOSH POSNER
STEM CELL DONOR



Thank you so much, I have two young boys and a husband, and I am forever grateful.

— ROSA WARSAW
STEM CELL RECIPIENT



This is incredible. To help another person live is the most basic human trait.

— DAVID MARDER
STEM CELL DONOR



Cody, 27, met his recipient Randall, 13, at a Nashville Predators hockey game

Cody Grilliot joined Gift of Life while a football linebacker at Ohio University in 2014 after one of the coaches told the story of being saved by a stem cell transplant. "I knew this was something I wanted to do and was thankful to have the opportunity," said Cody. He and his young bone marrow recipient, Randall White, were all smiles during their introduction.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Hillel International



Jamie, 31, met his young recipient Avery, 3, at Gift of Life's Golf Tournament

At our first Golf Tournament, Bailey and Austin Cook finally met the man who saved their baby Avery's life. Jamie Lowe joined the registry after seeing a segment about Gift of Life's mission on the Chelsea Handler Show. Jamie's mother lost her battle with cancer, and he was thrilled to be able to help save Avery.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Evie Goldfine's Fundraising Campaign



Brady, 25, met his recipient Sheila, 75, during an event at Stonehill College

In a surprise event organized by Gift of Life and the recipient's family, Stonehill College Professor Emerita Sheila Brady was astonished when a young man stood up during her talk about being a stem cell transplant recipient and announced he was her donor, Brady Goldstein. "Can you believe this young man did this for me? He saved my life!" said Sheila.

DONOR CIRCLE:
CAP Program 2016-2017



Yael, 54, met her recipient Sergio, 16, at the Miami One Huge Night Gala

Yael Schlesinger joined the registry during the Maccabee Games at the North Miami Beach JCC in 2005 because she hoped to help save someone from cancer. Twelve years later she got her chance and donated stem cells two times to a teen boy battling leukemia. She met Sergio Reyes for the first time at the Miami Gala, where the two hugged during an emotional ceremony.

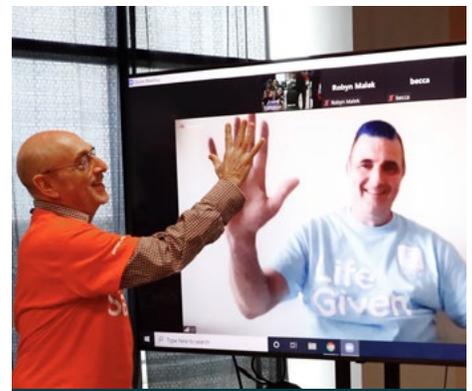
DONOR CIRCLE:
Gottesman Family Donor Circle



Enzo, 23, met his recipient Todd, 21, during the Young Professionals Committee's San Francisco Winery Tour

Bone marrow donor Enzo Stagnaro joined the registry in 2015 while a student at UC-Berkeley but thought he would never get the chance to donate. He was extremely excited when he matched Todd Schultz, who was fighting ALL and needed a transplant to survive. "Everyone should have the desire and compassion to save someone's life, regardless of the situation," said Enzo.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Mel Cohen z"l



Chad, 48, met his recipient Neil, 70, during a semi-virtual ceremony at a Florida Panthers hockey game

Chad Campo joined the registry in 2015 at Harvard University. In 2019, he matched Neil Fried, who was battling acute leukemia and donated blood stem cells. The two were introduced via the Internet, but physical distance made no difference in their excitement. "To be able to meet with the man who generously gave me his stem cells, it's such a powerful, meaningful occurrence," said Neil.

DONOR CIRCLE:
Hillel International

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Virtual Donor and Recipient Introductions



ADAM
Stem Cell Donor

ANNE
Transplant Recipient

Adam, 32, met his recipient Anne, 66, during the Virtual Steps for Life 5k Opening Ceremony

Adam Aroesty joined the registry as a Boston University student in 2009, as “it seemed like an incredible way to make an impact.” He was a match for Anne Tabach, who was battling AML. Their virtual introduction was emotional as Anne thanked him. “I’m happy to see you healthy and honored that I was picked to help you,” said Adam.

DONOR CIRCLE: Gift of Life New England



AMANDA
Stem Cell Donor

SHERRY
Transplant Recipient

Amanda, 26, met her recipient Sherry, during the Wendy Siegel 1,000th Match celebration

Stem cell donor Amanda Weller met her recipient Sherry Stebing during a private, virtual celebration of 1,000 matches in Wendy Siegel’s donor circle, which sponsored Amanda’s swab kit. Sherry, a wife and grandmother, battled polycythemia before her lifesaving transplant. “I am so grateful and happy that you are doing well,” Amanda told her.

DONOR CIRCLE: In Honor of Wendy Siegel



FRANK
Stem Cell Donor

RASHAWN
Transplant Recipient

Frank, 27, met his recipient Rashawn, 42, at a private event for Clinique

Frank Abbott, an art teacher who centers his life on giving back to the community, was excited to meet his stem cell recipient Rashawn Coleman-Walker at a joyful virtual event hosted by Clinique. Rashawn, a wife, mom, and high school principal, told him, “I cannot say how grateful I am to you that I’m here with my family today.”

DONOR CIRCLE: In Honor of Wendy Siegel



ELIANNA
Stem Cell Donor

DALIA
Transplant Recipient

Elianna, 43, met her recipient Dalia, 39, during the Virtual Steps for Life 5k Closing Ceremony

In the first virtual international introduction for Gift of Life, stem cell donor Rabbi Elianna Yolcut in Washington, D.C. met online her recipient, Dalia Gera, in Israel. Wife and mom Dalia was battling leukemia when her doctors found her match, Elianna, through Gift of Life. "It is a sacred, holy task to save a life if you have the opportunity to do so," said Elianna.

DONOR CIRCLE: Prince Family Donor Circle



JONATHAN
Stem Cell Donor

DANIEL
Transplant Recipient

Jonathan, 27, met his recipient Daniel, 66, during a Virtual Event for the Miami JCC

In 2013, Jonathan Weinstein joined Gift of Life while on his Birthright Israel trip. He was thrilled to meet his recipient, Daniel Aaronson in an online introduction. Daniel was diagnosed with Myelodysplastic Syndrome and was fortunate that Jonathan was his match. "Donating is short term for you, but yields a long-term, profound impact for someone else," said Jonathan.

DONOR CIRCLE: Match for Max



ABIGAIL
Stem Cell Donor

CORBITT
Transplant Recipient

Abigail, 26, met her recipient Corbitt, 60, during the Virtual One Huge Night Gala

Abigail Weiss joined Gift of Life in 2014 at Tulane University because her dad had donated stem cells when she was a child. This time it was her turn to save a life when she was found as a match for Corbitt Loch. "It was a real privilege to be a match for you, it is special to be a part of your story," said Abigail.

DONOR CIRCLE: Richard E. Capri Foundation



JENNIFER
Stem Cell Donor

VERONICA
Transplant Recipient

Jennifer, 27, met her recipient Veronica, 37, at Virtual Celebrating Life

During the Virtual Celebrating Life event, bone marrow donor Jennifer Winick, who joined Gift of Life on her Birthright Israel trip, met her grateful recipient Veronica Ruiz and her husband, both of whom thanked her for keeping their family whole. "I would do it again tomorrow if she needed it," Jennifer said.

DONOR CIRCLE: Birthright Israel

Transplant Recipient Meets Her Donor at Menorah Lighting



The first night of Chanukah 2021 will always be remembered as a truly miraculous evening in the lives of two women who are now connected forever.

Gift of Life was invited to introduce a bone marrow donor and recipient at the National Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on the first night of Chanukah, November 28, 2021. Thousands attended the ceremony held on the Ellipse, just across from the White House, including First Gentleman Douglas C. Emhoff.



The celebration was led by Rabbi Levi Shemtov, executive vice president of American Friends of Lubavitch (Chabad), and his father, Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, the organization's national director.

A highlight of the ceremony was the moment when transplant recipient Rosa Warsaw, a 40-year-old wife and

mother of two from Silver Spring, Md., was introduced for the first time to her Gift of Life donor, Rebecca Berg, a 29-year-old skincare specialist from Chicago.

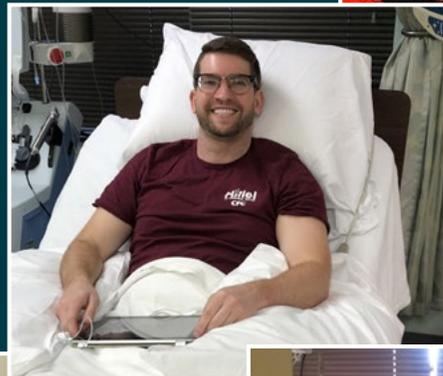
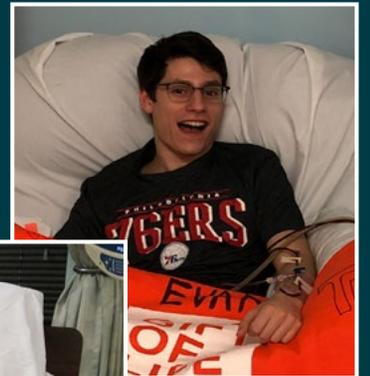
Rebecca joined Gift of Life's registry during her Birthright Israel trip in 2013. When she learned she was a match for a woman battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, her biggest worry was that she wouldn't be a close enough match to donate. She was an excellent match, and the transplant was completed in late 2017.

"If it weren't for Gift of Life I never would have known to join the registry," Rebecca told the audience. "You are the difference for not only your recipient but also for every person who has come into their lives."



*Gift of Life is honored
to celebrate the
Weiser Family
Donor Circle*

*with it's
100th transplant
and counting...*



Gift of Life Celebrates it's 500th Collection In-house

On July 23, 2021 Gift of Life celebrated the 500th blood stem cell collection completed at the Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Gift of Life–Be the Match Stem Cell Collection Center, our state-of-the-art apheresis center that opened in October 2019. The Collection Center is located in Gift of Life's headquarters, along with the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, BioBank, donor services and operational facilities. Gift of Life is the first marrow registry in the world to build a fully integrated collection center within its registry.



Being a donor is one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences anyone can ever have.”

- JOSH POSNER, STEM CELL DONOR



To kick off the event, Omardeen “Dee” Woodley, R.N., the director of the collection center, welcomed transplant recipient David Fromson, a 49-year-old project manager from Denver, Colo. Dave is a survivor of colorectal cancer, and first learned he had a second cancer battle to undergo, with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, after a routine visit to his oncologist.

“It was a combination of, ‘Here we go again’ and, ‘How will I tell my wife?’” said Dave. A blood stem cell transplant was his best option for a cure, and he was fortunate that he had a perfectly matched donor in Gift of Life’s registry.

Josh joined the registry in 2016 during UDance, the University of Delaware charity dance marathon held every spring. Josh, now 23 and a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey, works in medical device sales. He was thrilled when he learned he was a match for someone in need.

“When I got the call I started tearing up at the thought of how lucky I was to be in this position,” said Josh. “Donating was single-handedly the greatest thing I’ve ever done in my life.”

The moment they met was highly emotional, with a lengthy hug, huge smiles, and not a dry eye among the nearly 80 Gift of Life employees in the crowd, as well as Dave and Josh’s families. It was the perfect moment to show the incredible impact that our lifesaving mission has on those who receive transplants.

After the morning event, Josh and Dave and their families toured Gift of Life’s facilities, including the donor collection suite where Josh donated his stem cells, then they spent the afternoon together enjoying South Florida.

“We have a unique bond that is more than enough to build a friendship on,” said Dave. “It will be fascinating to see what else we have in common.”

Josh urged others to join the registry, saying, “It only takes 10-15 seconds [of swabbing your cheek] to find out if you can save a life – that’s one of the easiest decisions I’ve ever made. Being a donor is one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences anyone can ever have.”

One Night[®]

GIFT OF LIFE *Virtual Gala*



Founder and CEO Jay Feinberg led the celebration of "30 Years of Saving Lives"



Lynn Schusterman (l) introduced stem cell donor Abigail Weiss (c) to her recipient Corbitt Loch and his wife Tammy



Campus Ambassador Madison Taylor was recognized with the Rising Star Award



Jesse Bochco (l) presented the Steven Bochco Award to longtime Gift of Life supporter and donor Jared Stein



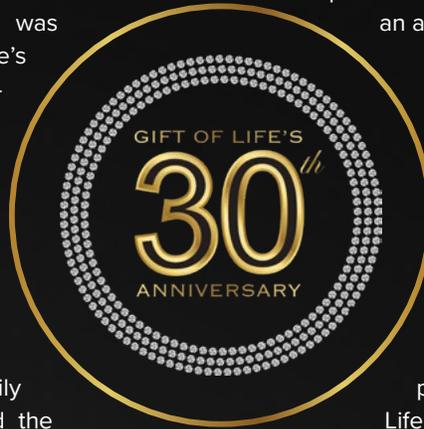
Actress, singer, author and playwright Tovah Feldshuh served as the event's Master of Ceremonies

Gift of Life hosted its Virtual One Huge Night Gala on October 6, 2021, with six-time Emmy and Tony nominated actress, singer, and playwright Tovah Feldshuh serving as the master of ceremonies. In spite of the geographic space between the hundreds of supporters who participated, the evening was highly emotional as we celebrated Gift of Life's 30th Anniversary and introduced a second-generation stem cell donor to her grateful transplant recipient.

Transplant recipient Corbitt was excited and grateful when he met Abigail (Abby) Weiss, whose stem cell donation in May 2019 saved his life. Gift of Life supporter Lynn Schusterman, Founder and Chair Emerita of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, introduced them. Abby joined the registry in 2014 during a drive at Tulane University and knew exactly what she was signing up to do: her father, Jeffrey, donated stem cells to a blood cancer patient in 2005, when Abby was only ten years old.

"It was a real privilege to be a match for you," Abby told Corbitt. "Hearing about your experience only deepens what I already felt, that it is super special to get to be a part of your story."

"[After having cancer] you reassess your values and what's important to you; you become much better at telling people you love them," said Corbitt. "I have changed a lot and I'm a better person now. It's fun to get a second chance – and you are an amazing soul."



The third annual Steven Bochco Award was presented by Steven's son, Jesse Bochco, to Gift of Life donor and volunteer Jared Stein. The award is presented to a Gift of Life volunteer who creatively uses their personal story to further the organization's life-saving mission. Jared joined the registry in 2011, and just over a year later donated stem cells to Jill Ginsberg, a 61-year-old woman battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. They met in 2015 at the first Celebrating Life event.

In honor of its 30th anniversary, Gift of Life recognized long-term supporters whose contributions have helped make the organization what it is today:

- Drs. Helen and Stephen Colen
- Mitzi and Warren Eisenberg
- Evie Goldfine
- Shari Redstone
- Wendy and Stephen B. Siegel
- The Spector Family
- Tova and Howard Weiser

Thirty years ago, Gift of Life began as a grassroots effort to find a matching bone marrow donor for Jay Feinberg. After a four-year search for a match, Jay received a transplant to cure leukemia and dedicated his life to helping others find their donors. Gift of Life has now saved more than 4,000 lives, and has positively impacted thousands of their family members.

Additionally, Campus Ambassador Madison Taylor, who represents Gift of Life at Utah State University, was honored with the Rising Star Award.

Our Virtual One Huge Night Gala raised more than \$1.2 million. Thank you to everyone who joined us!





Honorees: Carla Probus, Amy Wang, Bernice Schwartz
Robin Schwartz Jacobs, Mojdeh Khaghan Danial



Doug Bartel, Florida Blue Director and Jay Feinberg



Emcee, Ernesto Rodriguez
Miami Beach Police Department



Mayor Dan Gelber, transplant recipient Sergio Reyes, stem cell donor Yael Schlesinger

Grateful 16-year-old Meets His Lifesaving Donor at the Miami Gala

A Golden Beach, Fla. woman who donated life-saving peripheral blood stem cells to a gravely ill teen from Houston, Texas met the young man in an emotional introduction during the event. Yael Schlesinger, 54, joined the registry during a recruitment drive at the Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center in North Miami Beach in 2005.

In 2017, Gift of Life matched her with the boy, then 12, who battled Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) until receiving his stem cell transplant in Texas. Two years later, the donor gave a rare second donation of stem cells to help her recipient's recovery from cancer.

The boy, Sergio Reyes, now 16, his mother Liliana Reyes and his stepfather Jason Vargas traveled from Houston for the event. Sergio was fortunate that Yael was in the registry when needed, as only 45% of Hispanic/Latino patients find a matching donor vs. 95% of Caucasians. This event was the perfect opportunity for Gift of Life to raise awareness of this disparity and the urgent need to diversify the registry.

"I'm so happy I had the opportunity to help him," said Yael. "There is nothing to fear from donating; only good can come from it."

"We are so grateful to her for saving someone's life that she doesn't even know," the Liliana said of her son's heroic donor. "The world is not as small as we think. Another person is put there to be a special angel and save your loved one."

Also during the gala, Florida Blue was presented with the Corporate Partner Award for their ongoing and generous support of our lifesaving mission. The award was accepted by Senior Director of Business Development and Media Relations Doug Bartel.

Gift of Life was proud to honor our incredible supporters in Miami, Mojdeh Khaghan Danial, Robin Schwartz Jacobs, Carla Probus, Bernice Schwartz, and Amy Wang. Thank you for everything you do to further our lifesaving mission.





VIRTUAL **5k** GIFT OF LIFE STEPS FOR LIFE RUN&WALK

Gift of Life's Steps for Life 5k, held virtually in 2021, raises awareness of the need for blood stem cell and marrow donors to join the registry. Gift of Life uses the funds raised at the in-person and virtual events to add new donors to the registry. To date, these events have raised more than \$2,380,000 adding 16,850 new donors to the registry, resulting in 543 matches for patients and an incredible 88 lifesaving transplants.

During this year's event, participants came together from all over the world to run, walk, hold events and support our mission to save lives. Actress Jackie Burns was our host for both the online kickoff and closing ceremonies. Burns holds the title of Broadway's longest running Elphaba in WICKED. During the virtual ceremonies, viewers witnessed the heartwarming introductions of two transplant recipients to their heroic donors.



VIRTUAL *Celebrating Life*



JARED STEIN
Emcee



2021 PANDEMIC DONORS



JENNIFER WINICK
Bone Marrow Donor



MICHAEL BOHNEN
President, Adelson Family Foundation



Veronica Ruiz (L) and Family
Transplant Recipient

In 2021, Gift of Life's Young Professionals Committee hosted Celebrating Life virtually. This annual event honors donors and recipients, supporters, and their family and friends. Under normal circumstances, Gift of Life would bring a donor and recipient pair together in person during the program, but under pandemic conditions we did the next best thing: a virtual introduction so they would not have to wait any longer.

The event kicked off by recognizing hundreds of selfless individuals who donated during the pandemic. Many went to incredible lengths, traveled great distances, quarantined plus more in order to ensure their recipients would receive their lifesaving transplants on time.

The highlight of the evening was the moment when leukemia survivor Veronica Ruiz met her lifesaving bone marrow donor, Jennifer Winick. The two former stran-

gers will now always remember February 20, 2021 as a special day in their lives.

Michael Bohnen, President of the Adelson Family Foundation – long-time supporters of Gift of Life – made this special and heartwarming introduction.

Jennifer, a 27-year-old resident of Manhattan, N.Y., joined Gift of Life during her Birthright Israel trip in May 2016, so she was already in the registry and ready to donate when the call came that she was a match.

The Young Professionals Committee consists of groups of emerging young leaders who dedicate their time, talents, networks and resources to our lifesaving mission. Volunteers in nine locations around the country engage in support activities in addition to Celebrating Life that include fundraising drives, donor recruitment drives and social occasions.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEES

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NEW YORK CITY • ORANGE COUNTY • SAN FRANCISCO • SOUTH FLORIDA**

GIFT OF LIFE CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



Event Chair Evie Goldfine, Celebrity Host Cris Carter

The Inaugural Gift of Life Golf Tournament was held on April 13, 2021 hosted by Gift of Life 15-year transplant recipient Evie Goldfine and Pro Football Hall of Famer Cris Carter. The pair kicked off the golf scramble in support of the organization's mission to save lives. The event featured foursomes with Carter and other former NFL players, including Dolphins Mark Duper and Jed Weaver.

The highlight of the event, held at The Breakers West Country Club in West Palm Beach, was when tourney participants witnessed the heartwarming, emotional meeting of bone marrow donor Jamie Lowe and his 3-year-old recipient Avery Cook.

Winter Springs, Fla. resident Jamie Lowe, 31, who donated to a gravely ill toddler, Avery Cook, joined the registry by ordering a swab kit online after seeing a segment about Gift of Life's mission on Chelsea Handler's Netflix show, "Chelsea" in 2016. Three years later he got the call that he was a match for a toddler fighting leukemia.

"I couldn't stop crying all day," said Jamie. "My mom passed from cancer at the end of 2012 and there was nothing we could do, we ran out of options. When I heard the news, I called my family and friends right away. I felt really lucky!"

Three-year-old Avery was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia, the most common type of childhood cancer, when he was a year old. He went through treatment but relapsed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, another fast-growing cancer of the blood and bone



Mike Campbell, Brian McPherson, Casey Waters, former Dolphins great Mark Duper

marrow. His parents were devastated to learn that Avery needed a bone marrow transplant yet neither of them were a full match.

In 2019, Avery's doctors turned to the Gift of Life Marrow Registry, which thankfully found that Jamie was his tissue type match and was willing and able to make the donation.

Avery received his transplant at John Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. and his parents are relieved to put that chapter behind them. "[Jamie] saved not only our baby, but our whole world," said Avery's mother Bailey Cook. "We will forever be grateful."



Ron Price, Josh Bennett, Darlene Smith, Larry Ferezy, Dr. Stephen Colen



Cindy Plonskier, Evie Goldfine, former NFL player Jed Weaver, Harry Plonskier



Donor Jamie (r) saved Avery's life



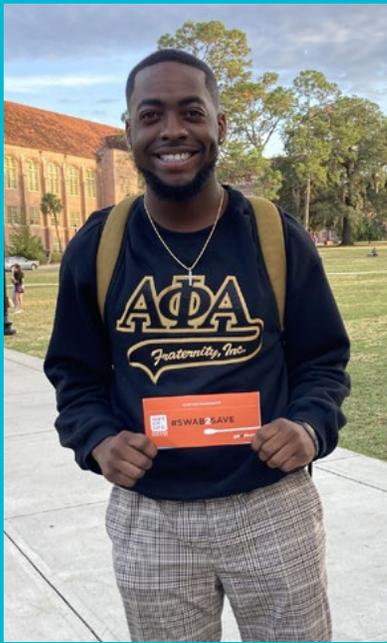
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RECRUITING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

The Gift of Life Campus Ambassador Program (CAP) is our primary approach to recruiting the crucial donor demographic of 18-to-25 year olds. Transplant centers request these donors most often as they give recipients the best chance of a successful result. Since CAP began in 2014, the program has found 1,993 matches for patients that have resulted in 245 completed transplants. There are currently eight donors who are also Campus Ambassadors in our program.

In 2021, our largest group of Campus Ambassadors ever, 563 college students, represented Gift of Life at 166 campuses across the United States.

Our CAPs were trained during live online sessions, covering topics from how to run a recruitment drive to making compelling presentations to working successfully with student organizations on campus. They're doing a tremendous job of recruiting new donors to join Gift of Life's registry in spite of the challenges presented by successive waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.



CAMPUS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
American Public University
American University
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State
Auburn University
Baker College
Barnard College
Binghamton University
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
California State University - Los Angeles
Campbell University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Piedmont Community College
City College of New York
Claremont McKenna College
Clark Atlanta University
Clark University
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of William & Mary
Columbia University
Connecticut College
Converse College
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Cornell University
CUNY Baruch College
Davidson College
Denison University
East Carolina University
Eastern Connecticut State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida International University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Grand Valley State University
High Point University
Hofstra University
Hope College
Hunter College

Indiana University - Bloomington
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iowa Wesleyan University
Ithaca College
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson C. Smith University
Kansas State University
Lander College for Men
Lehigh University
Louisiana State University
Lynn University
Mercer University
Miami Dade College
Miami University Ohio
Michigan State University
Miller School of Medicine - University of Miami
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
North Central College
Northeastern University
Northwest Florida State College
NOVA Southeastern University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Queens College
Queens University of Charlotte
Rhodes College
Rider University
Rowan University
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Salisbury University
San Jose State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Shor Yeshuv Institute
Southern New Hampshire University
St. Ambrose University
St. Lawrence University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Oneonta
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
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Tulane University
Union College
University at Buffalo
University of Alabama
University of Alabama - Birmingham
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HEROES SOCIETY



Have you donated blood stem cells or bone marrow, or are you a transplant recipient?

If so, you are someone very special to us, and you've had an experience that is uncommon and life-changing.

We invite you to participate in our Heroes Society forums. Find us on LinkedIn or Facebook and connect with others who understand your unique experience.

To find out more, please contact our Community Engagement and Outreach Specialist, **Jordan Ledyard**, jledyard@giftoflife.org



World Marrow Donor Day 2021 Recap



World Marrow Donor Day (WMDD) is the annual celebration of volunteer donors founded by the World Marrow Donor Association (WMDA). Held on the third Saturday each September, registries around the world find unique ways to thank marrow and stem cell donors for joining them, and for donating lifesaving stem cells and marrow to save patients.

Every year people post photos online sharing their messages of thanks to donors, and we receive them from around the world.

To honor the real-life heroes who voluntarily donate blood stem cells and bone marrow to save the lives of patients battling blood cancer, for WMDD 2021, Gift of Life unveiled our digital comic

“The Call”, featuring the story of a young man who learns he is a match for a patient and must decide. The comic book was created by Gift of Life Marrow Registry in collaboration with cartoonist Angus Cameron, and a PDF of the book is available to download from our website.

The comic was launched at Florida Supercon in Miami, where Gift of Life hosted a recruiting table and representatives swabbed an array of superheroes, helping to educate the public about our mission.

Gift of Life’s Campus Ambassadors also held donor recruitment events at colleges and universities across the country.

In a first for World Marrow Donor Day, Gift of Life arranged for Niagara Falls to be lit up orange after dark, providing a spectacular sight for both tourists on site and those watching the waterfall via the live webcam.



PERSONALIZED GIVING DONOR CIRCLES

A donor circle is your personalized Gift of Life portal. Through your Donor Circle you can fundraise, sponsor donor swab kits, and track in real time how many matches and transplants you - and your support team - have funded. There are built-in social media tools, and when you invite someone to visit, they can order a swab kit or donate money. Donor circles may also be private.

Learn more at giftoflife.org/donorcircles

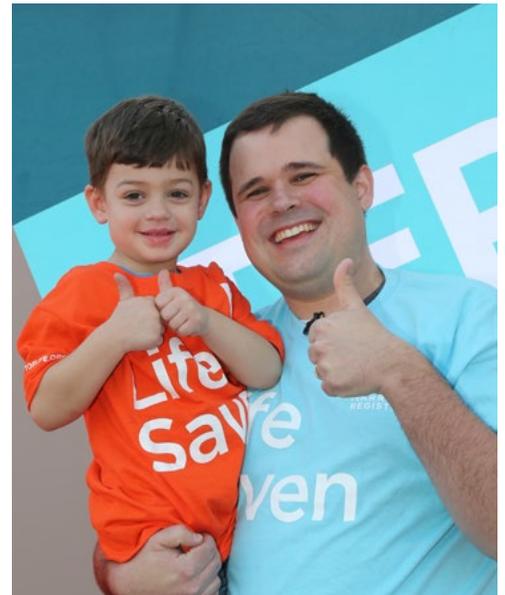
Your Legacy Can Save Lives for Decades to Come

Did you know that your passion for Gift of Life's mission can be carried forward through planned giving? Enjoy the satisfaction of knowing your gift will provide vital future support to save the lives of patients who battle blood cancer and 100 other diseases. By establishing legacy giving now, your gift will have a lasting impact on generations to come.

There are many options for making charitable gifts, and we invite you to consider creating one with us that works well for your needs. Options for Legacy Society members include:

- Include Gift of Life in your will
- Create a charitable gift annuity
- Name Gift of Life as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy
- Name Gift of Life as a beneficiary in a retirement plan
- Create a charitable trust

We look forward to your partnership. For information about Legacy Giving options, please contact Robyn Malek, Director of Development at rmalek@giftoflife.org.



Corporate Partners Recruiting Drives

Gift of Life's corporate partners are committed to giving back to their communities by holding donor recruitment drives and education events.

In 2021, web development company Wix held an event for their employees at the Boston, Mass. office. The on-site donor registration drive for the staff also featured an education session led by stem cell donor and Gift of Life volunteer Jared Stein.

Jared also helped Kura Oncology, creators of precision medicines to fight cancer, organize a recruitment and education event for their Boston area employees.

The RTI International Research Institute held a recruitment drive organized by their International Young Professionals Employee Resource Group.

Networking for Hindu Professionals South Florida held an offsite event for staff where Gift of Life was featured, Director of Development Robyn Malek spoke, and the organization presented Gift of Life with a generous donation.

We thank our partners for bringing new donors into the registry to help save more lives.



PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Gift of Life is grateful for our partnerships with the many professional sports organizations who share our mission with their fans and communities. These exciting events included: donor recruitment drives with global esports

and entertainment company Misfits Gaming, a donor and recipient introduction at a Nashville Predators game and a week later a donor and recipient first-time meeting at a Florida Panthers game for Hockey Fights Cancer Night.





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Miami Beach Police Department Holds “Swab2Save Day”



On September 23, 2021, two men connected by a shared immune system met for the first time at “Swab2Save Day” held at the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) headquarters. The special outdoor event featured an educational program and a swabbing table where a number of people joined Gift of Life as volunteer donors. Speakers included the Mayor of Miami Beach Dan Gelber, Miami Beach Police Chief Richard Clements and Gift of Life Founder and CEO Jay Feinberg.

The highlight of the day was when 17-year-old Amir Ahmic and his mother Selma met, for the first time, the Gift of Life stem cell donor who saved Amir’s life.

When Amir was only four months old he was diagnosed with an immune system disorder, Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD), where a type of white blood cell is unable to protect the body from infections. He spent his entire childhood in and out of hospitals, and as a teen also developed a second condition, ulcerative colitis. His doctors recommended a stem cell transplant in the hope of giving him a chance at a normal life.

His stem cell donor, David Marder, was found just a few weeks later in Gift of Life’s registry. David joined the registry in 2014 while studying at a yeshiva in Israel. When he learned he was a match he had no hesitation about donating.



“When the opportunity to save a life presented itself there was never a choice,” said David. “To help another person live is the most basic human trait.”

The transplant took place in January 2019, but due to privacy regulations, the two, now so deeply connected, could not learn each other’s identities for at least a year. The long-awaited moment when David and Amir were introduced to each other by Mayor Gelber was deeply emotional, and mom Selma’s tears of joy were the high point of the morning.

“You really changed my life completely,” said Amir, “It’s been a great day today and I’m really thankful.”

“Our whole family is thankful to you for stepping up,” said Selma. “You helped a young man that you never met in your life, someone that you didn’t know.”

2022 UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrity Golf Tournament

APRIL 13 | *Boca West Country Club - Sponsorships Available*

Boston Sunset Soiree

APRIL 25 | *Lookout Rooftop, The Envoy Hotel Boston*

One Huge Night Gala - Los Angeles

MAY 12 | *SLS Hotel, Beverly Hills - Sponsorships Available*

One Huge Night Gala - New York City

JUNE 8 | *Cipriani 42nd Street - Sponsorships Available*

Gift of Life's Got Talent

JUNE 13 – JULY 20 | *A Virtual Talent Show Competition*

Cocktails & Conversation Nantucket

JULY 26 | *Great Harbor Yacht Club - Hosted by Drs. Helen and Stephen Colen*

Celebrating Life - New York City

SEPTEMBER 8 | *Edison Rooftop Ballroom - Hosted by Young Professionals of NYC*

Steps for Life Virtual 5K

SEPTEMBER 9 | *Opening Kickoff - Sponsorships Available*

One Huge Night Gala - Miami

NOVEMBER 9 | *Sagamore Hotel South Beach - Sponsorships Available*



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Members will also receive special recognition at our One Huge Night Annual Galas in New York City, Los Angeles and Miami. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Gift of Life and our lifesaving mission.

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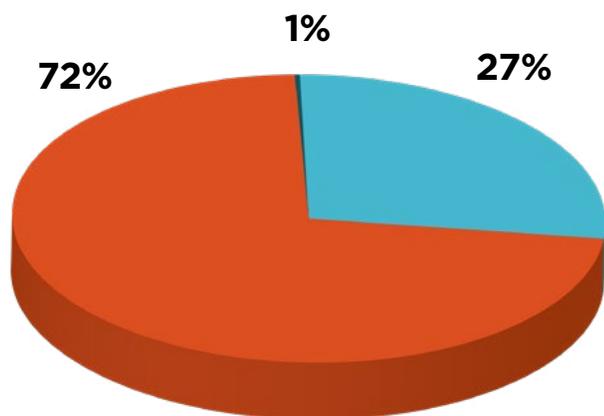
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source of information on non-profit organizations. Gift of Life has earned the GuideStar Exchange Platinum Participant Seal, demonstrating its commitment to the highest level of transparency. For more information, visit guidestar.org.

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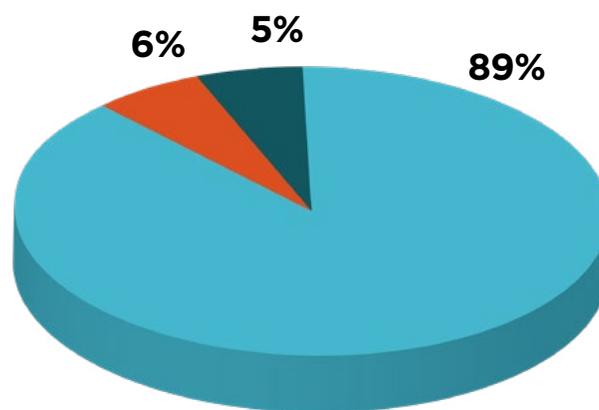


REVENUE: FY2021



- Program Service Revenue: \$12,691,156
- Contributions & Donated Services: \$4,794,158
- Income Investment: \$12,065

EXPENSES: FY2021

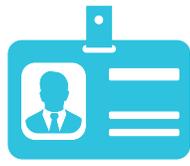


- Programs: \$13,586,138
 - Donor Services: \$4,642,519
 - Cord Blood Program: \$74,872
 - Search Coordination: \$103,313
 - Information Systems: \$1,113,033
 - Community Engagement and Recruitment: \$3,005,982
 - Quality Assurance: \$635,931
 - Apheresis Center: \$2,042,020
 - Cell Therapy Laboratory: \$1,403,446
 - Biologics: 565,022
- Development: \$948,702
- Administrative: \$859,116

STATISTICAL DATA FOR 2021

Matches Found **2,664** 

 **547** Donor Work-Ups

Drives Run **2,409** 

 **20,232** Donors Recruited

Collections at the
Apheresis Center **374** 

 **390,689** Total Donors in
Registry

Total Transplants **283** 



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