

**Media Alert**

**Contact: Kelley Gregory, 253-383-2553**

## Registration for the National Marrow Donor Program Becomes Easier

Beginning Tuesday, May 23, Cascade Regional Blood Services and The National Marrow Donor Program are implementing a new and easier form of bone marrow donor testing.

The new procedure does not include a blood test. “The new method will make registering for the National Donor Marrow Program quicker and easier. More people will most likely want to join the registry since the need for a blood draw has been removed,” said Maureen McCarthy, Director of Donor Collections. “We’re currently learning the new testing procedure and we’re training our staff.”

If you want to get involved, please leave your contact information with us. We will contact you immediately when the new testing is in place.

To leave your information with Cascade Regional Blood Services, contact: [carid@crbs.net](mailto:carid@crbs.net). Leave your name, phone number and e-mail address.

For more information on the National Marrow Donor Program, go to [www.nmpd.org](http://www.nmpd.org). Go to [www.thenewstribune.com](http://www.thenewstribune.com) for more information on Wayne Mangan and results of the Sat., May 20 bone marrow registry and blood drive.

