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### **BMC Bone Marrow & Blood Drive Exhibit Tremendous Support**

Friday, November 11 employees at BMC worked to produce the largest bone marrow registry drive at Cascade Regional Blood Services in several years. Over 250 employees, customers, family and friends lined up in the pouring rain to join the National Marrow Donor Registry on behalf of Wayne Mangan, sales manager at BMC. Mr. Mangan was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

“They even brought us lattes because we were so busy,” said Patricia Hernandez, Donor Consultant at Cascade Regional Blood Services. “It was an awesome drive and was also very emotional. The BMC coordinators, Kelly Bryant and Larry Price were so great and so was our staff. They worked hard all day long and into the evening.”

At 6:30am Friday morning, 30 people were waiting to sign up even though the official start time was 7am. BMC also hosted a bar b-q and covered the costs of the bone marrow sign-up. The cost for registering for the bone marrow program is about \$110 per person and is often underwritten or donated. Over 50 participants also gave blood while registering for the bone marrow program.

“The support was absolutely fantastic,” said Patricia. “It was a long wet day, but so worth it for all concerned.”

For more information about the BMC drive, go to [thenewstribune.com](http://www.thenewstribune.com) website (<http://www.thenewstribune.com/news/local/story/5326658p-4825253c.html>).

For more information on the National Marrow Donor Program, go to their website at [www.nmpd.org](http://www.nmpd.org).