

## Blood and Bone Marrow Drive Overwhelmed with Community Support

Well over 500 people turned out to support Wayne Mangan and Tatiyania Harris Saturday, December 17 at Visitation Catholic Church. The joint bone marrow testing and blood drive was another effort in the search to find donor matches for Wayne Mangan and Tatiyania Harris, both diagnosed with leukemia. Over 250 signed up for the bone marrow registry (through the National Marrow Donor Program – a national registry that matches those waiting for a marrow transplant with those that are eligible to donate).

“They came out of the wood work (donors and supporters),” said Patricia Hernandez, blood drive coordinator. “The community support for these two people is tremendous.” Even Santa Claus made an appearance and helped give Tatiyania Harris the Christmas of her lifetime. Tatiyania received her ‘lifetime wish list,’ according to Wayne Mangan, who raised enough interest and funding to provide a plethora of gifts, including a bed, a toy car, many gifts and an all expense paid trip to Disneyland.

The drive was organized by BMC Lakewood employees, Visitation Catholic Church and many family members, friends, neighbors, contractors, and area business supporters. Cascade Regional Blood Services conducted the drive. A BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all, thanks to BMC.

Other bone marrow and blood drives are scheduled after the holidays. Check this website for more details.



Santa mingles with the crowd at Visitation Catholic Church on Sat., December 19, 2005.



Donors are lined up to register for the National Marrow Donor Program.



Tatiana Harris stands with Wayne Mangan. Santa pays a visit and Tatiana sits with her family. Tatiana and her family are going to Disneyland for Christmas, thanks to BMC (Lakewood) employees, friends and neighbors who contributed to fund the trip.



Wayne Mangan is pictured here talking with a friend. The Mangan Family stops for a quick photo early Saturday. They were overwhelmed with the response.