

# Volunteer Guide

## Talking Points

**Attention getter:** Hey, how's it going? Do you have 5 minutes to see if you can potentially save a life?

**Who are we?:** Great! I'm with Be The Match, we help find life saving donors for cancer patients that have blood cancers like Leukemia or Lymphoma.

**What are we doing?:** We are asking people to sign up to see if they match a patient. Today we ask people to fill out the form and do a cheek swab.

**Why?:** If you match a patient you will be asked to donate blood stem cell OR bone marrow.  
Inform: Have you donated blood before?

**Inform:** The **blood stem cell donation** is similar sensation to donating blood or getting blood tested. The blood donation is done 75% of the time. In this case you will donate in a hospital where they take out stem cells using a machine. You will receive all of your other blood back into the other arm to make sure you are not feeling weak or drained during.

The **bone marrow donation** is only done 25% of the time. If you match an infant, child, or someone with a rare disease, they may ask you to donate bone marrow. The bone marrow is taken from the hip area. In order to keep you comfortable they will put you under anesthesia. You will not feel any pain or discomfort while donating. Afterwards, you may feel a soreness in the lower back. (similar to working out too hard)

**Sign up!:** Do you have questions about the donation process or would you like to sign up?

**Fill out form:** Awesome! Fill out this first page. Once you are done, I will double check and let you know what else to fill out.

## More Attention Getters

1. Do you have 5 minutes to save a life?
2. Do you have 5 minutes to see if you can be the cure?
3. Do you have 5 minutes to see if you can match a cancer patient?
4. Did you know that every 4 minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Do you have 5 minutes to see if you can be the cure?
5. Did you know that every year more than 10 thousand people need a bone marrow transplant? Do you have 5 minutes to see if you can match one of them?
6. Hey! Come swab and save!