



Dear Friends,

Just over a year ago, our brother, Joe, was diagnosed with Lymphoma. After undergoing five months of chemotherapy, followed by radiation treatments, he then learned that two new tumors had developed. Joe is now undergoing even stronger chemotherapy, which is shrinking the tumors. However, his doctors have informed him that **his only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant**. Joe was referred to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Clinic in Seattle, WA for a bone marrow transplant.

This past year has been incredibly challenging --- emotionally, physically and financially. Joe did not have medical insurance at the time of his diagnosis and to-date has not been able to enroll in any program. Because of the extraordinary expense of a bone marrow transplant, we need your help. Joe has sold much of his existing assets in order to pay for medical expenses thus far. The rest of these are currently for sale. But, unfortunately, he will still not have enough money to get him admitted to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Clinic for his transplant. **We have approximately 4-5 weeks to raise in excess of \$250,000 to save Joe's life.** We will need to continue raising even more money following the transplant to cover his many uninsured expenses such as doctor bills, additional hospital expenses for follow-up treatment and the costly immunosuppressant medications that Joe will take for the rest of his life.

To help with these uninsured expenses, a fundraising campaign in Joe's honor has been established with NTAF (formerly National Transplant Assistance Fund. NTAF is a nonprofit organization that has been assisting the transplant community with fundraising for more than 26 years. All donations are tax-deductible and are administered by NTAF for transplant-related expenses only. **Please help us save our brother's life through a generous donation today.**

Make checks payable to: NTAF Northwest Bone Marrow Transplant Fund
Note in memo section: In Honor of Joe Buresh
Please mail to: NTAF
150 N Radnor Chester Road, Suite F-120
Radnor, PA 19087

For credit card contributions, call 800-642-8399 or visit www.ntafund.org and enter **Joe Buresh** in the *Find a Patient* box on the homepage. Your prayers and contributions are greatly appreciated and will help us through this difficult time.

We need your assistance with our fundraising campaign to help our brother receive his life-saving bone marrow transplant! **After reading this, please forward this email to everyone you know.** If you have any questions about our fundraising efforts, do not hesitate to contact one of Joe's siblings listed below. We are always looking for new volunteers to share their time, energy, and ideas. The email address to reach any one of us is: helpjoe56@gmail.com Thank you for your generosity and desire to help.

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