



BE THE MATCH®



Hello Everyone! I am running this fundraising effort as my way of giving back to Be The Match and to help further their mission. I have been growing out my hair since the end of last season and will be cutting it off for this fundraiser after the Major League Soccer Finals on December 12th. I will be donating my hair to Locks of Love, another organization I encourage you to look into and support.

My goal is to raise \$3000 before December 12th, and I will be providing updates on the progress (financially and hair-wise) via social media over the next 2 months.



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## WHY BE THE MATCH?

Soccer has been an integral part of my life from the very beginning. Most of the long-lasting friendship I have developed over the years have been born on the soccer field. It was one of these friendships that first introduced me to Be The Match and its mission to create and expand a national bone marrow registry.

While serving as an assistant coach at Eastern Connecticut State University, one of our players began experiencing an array of health problems. In the summer of 2012, Jon was admitted to the hospital where he underwent exhaustive testing to determine a diagnosis. It was discovered that Jon had the rare disease, Aplastic Anemia. His story is a long one, with many heart-breaking setbacks, but even more triumphant successes. I encourage you to watch the short documentary that Eastern Connecticut State University released about Jon and his inspiring return to the pitch.

Jon continues to motivate me daily. Jon has had an impact on so many lives that it is sometimes difficult to comprehend, and his story would not be possible without the help of Be The Match. Since Jon's diagnosis, Eastern Connecticut State University's men's soccer program has run numerous successful bone marrow registrations. Successful not only because of the sheer number of registrants (over 1,500 to date), but because multiple individuals from these drives have since matched and donated to needing recipients.

Your gift can add new potential bone marrow donors to the registry, assist patients with uninsured transplant costs, and fund innovative research to improve transplant outcomes.

Please help me reach my fundraising goal by making a tax-deductible contribution. Your gift delivers cures to patients desperate for a second chance at life. Every dollar counts. Together, we can make a difference!

Thank you and stay safe!



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