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**HAWAII BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY KICKS OFF MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND WITH BONE MARROW DRIVES**

HONOLULU (May 25, 2010) – In honor of Memorial Day, the Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry will be hosting two bone marrow drives this week on Oahu and on the Big Island to help patients who need life-saving bone marrow transplants. The drives will be held:

**Maui Divers Wellness Fair – Honolulu**

1520 Liona St. (Honolulu)  
Thursday, May 27  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**EMS Fun Run – Hilo**

Queen Liliuokalani Park (Hilo)  
Sunday, May 30  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 and 60 and in good general health. Donors need only to register once. If you have already registered and need to update your information or would like more information about becoming a donor, please call the Registry at 547-6154 or visit our national website at [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)

The Hawaii Bone Marrow Donor Registry was founded in 1989 and joined the National Marrow Donor Program to help patients in Hawaii and all over the world find healthy and willing bone marrow or blood stem cell donors. Only 30 percent of patients will find matching donors within their families; therefore, others need to find unrelated matches. Matches are more easily found between people of the same ethnic background. Since 1989, the HBMDR has recruited approximately 68,000 registered donors throughout Hawaii, Guam, and American Samoa. Over 250 of those donors have actually donated bone marrow or blood stem cells for patients all over the world.

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