**GOL x LSU AED Information**

YOU can help save the lives of those with blood cancer by joining Gift of Life Marrow Registry.

Gift of Life is a non-profit and international blood stem-cell and marrow registry that finds matching donors for patients battling diseases like leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell, and other genetic disorders.

Matching is based on HLAs in your genes, and many ethnicities are not represented well on the registry. For example, only 25% of African Americans are able to find their life-saving match on the world-wide registry. See the other statistics here: <https://terrell.giftoflife.org/>

Once on the registry, you stay on it until your 61st birthday, however, this process and the act of being on the registry is completely voluntary. Donors do not have to pay for anything during this entire process – Gift of Life covers all costs.

Only 1 in 400 people are called as a potential match, and 1 in 1,000 are called to donate. 80% of the time, stem-cells are donated – this process is very similar to donating platelets or plasma. 20% of the time, it is the bone marrow donation – this is an outpatient procedure and it isn’t as scary as all those dramatized medical shows make it look!

The process of signing up only takes about 5 minutes: you take a short questionnaire, then we send the donor a swab kit in the mail with a prepaid envelope to send it back. The donor just uses the 4 swabs in the kit to swab the inside of their cheeks, and then just sends it back in the mail.

For more information on Gift of Life go to: [www.giftoflife.org](http://www.giftoflife.org) or reach out to Jocelyn Messer, Recruitment Specialist, at [jmesser@giftoflife.org](mailto:jmesser@giftoflife.org) or 561-982-2900 ext 2963