

LARA DAY

Saturday, September 13th, 2008

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Edna Maguire Elementary School

80 Lomita Drive

Mill Valley, CA 94941

Dear Friends,

As some of you might know, our dear friends Nuran and Sulhi Akmeahmet's six year old daughter Lara was diagnosed with Leukemia on June 26th. She is being treated at UCSF hospital and has been there 60 days and counting.

While the chemotherapy is continuing, the doctors have suggested that we start organizing bone marrow drives to enhance the chances of finding a suitable donor for Lara. This is essentially a numbers game - the more donors we have, the more we increase our chances.

We will have a "Lara Day" on September 13th, 9 am to 2 pm at the Edna Maguire Elementary School at 80 Lomita Drive, Mill Valley, CA 94941. You will be able to become part of the bone marrow donor directory by doing a cheek-swab and paying a \$25 lab fee (please bring check or cash).

For more information on how bone marrow donation works, what the limitations are and what possible next steps would be if you were a match, please refer to

<http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/donate/marrow.html>

<http://www.marow.org>

I would also like to point out that ethnicity is a very small positive factor in this process. Blood type has no influence at all.

If you have ever considered donating, now is the time. If you think to yourself "I don't have time" - keep in mind that "time" has an entirely different meaning to the patients who hope and pray that they find a matching donor.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Edna Maguire Elementary School on the 13th.

Please do forward this email to anybody you think might be interested.

If there should be any questions, feel free to contact me (Adrienne Puech) at apuech@comcast.net or 415 518 1421.

If you would like to schedule a separate appointment with the Stanford Blood Center, or for more information on the bone marrow donor registry, please contact Derek Leith at 650 723 5532.

