BE THE MATCH®

SIGN UP TO SAVE A LIFE

**St. Pat's Board and
Love Your Melon**
will be in the Havener Center
outside the St. Pat's Ballroom to
educate potential donors about the
importance of joining the
Be The Match Registry.

**Dates: January 29th - February 1st
Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Please join the registry on-line:
https://join.bethematch.org/Rolla
OR Text Rolla to 61474**

My Name is Matthew Shallow some know me as "Canada." I am a Senior in Environmental Engineering at MO S&T. I was asked to join the Be The Match Registry about 5 years ago during a St. Pats event. In January 2018, I received a phone call from Be The Match telling me I was a possible match for a patient.

This was a great thing for me personally as my family has had many bouts with cancer. My mother has had cancer twice over a four year period. Knowing that I could probably help someone else get out of that hell was a great feeling. After a lot of tests and waiting I was told I was a match and no problems were seen.

I was able to choose where I would go to donate my stem cells and I chose Chicago. Just being honest I may have choosen Chicago just because i wanted to take my girlfriend there and show her around my favorite city for basically free. I did have to take some shots to stimulate bone marrow growth which did create some aches and pains but did not stop me from going to concerts and walking up and down the city.

The day of donation I went to the donation center and was given the last of the shots needed for the procedure. I would barely call it a procedure it was more like a prolonged blood draw in both arms. All I had to do was sit there and watch TV. Donating was one of the absolute easiest ways to save a life I could think of and it gave me a great opportunity to see more of the world for free. Thank you for letting me do this.

Please join the Be The Match Registry! YOU could be someone's CURE!

**You will receive one POINT towards the St. Pat's competition if you join the
Be The Match Registry or stop by to learn about it!**