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JAWONIO ANNOUNCES BONE MARROW DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF BARBARA MC CUE

(New City, NY-Feb 1, 2010) Jawonio staff, family and friends of Barbara McCue announced today that they are holding a bone marrow drive to add new potential donors to the National Bone Marrow Donor Program registry. The drive will take place on **Saturday, February 27th 2010, between 10:00am and 3:00pm** at the Jawonio TECH building, 775 N. Main Street, New Hempstead, NY.

The drive is being held at Jawonio TECH because Barbara's mother Martha Bieber, is a 32 year employee of Jawonio. Registering as a potential donor is a simple procedure involving the swabbing of cheek cells from one's mouth and takes about 15 minutes.

Barbara, a lifelong resident of Rockland County, lives in New City and was diagnosed in September, 2009 with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia for which she has had a number of treatments. Right now, the only cure involves a bone marrow transplant. With no one in her immediate family being a suitable match she now requires a bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor. Plans are currently underway at Jawonio to register donors and find a match. If the match is confirmed the transplant can be scheduled but only with your legal consent after in-depth counseling and a thorough physical examination.

"Barbara is a wife, and mother of 2 beautiful children; she is only 42 years old. Jawonio has always been about family. We want to make sure that we reach out to our own staff and the community to make sure that we are doing everything possible to support this drive" stated Jawonio Executive Director Jill Warner.

Organizing the bone marrow drive is Jawonio nurse, Terry Barbanell, who says, "By adding donors to the National Bone Marrow Program Registry Jawonio's efforts can potentially help Barbara and her family. It is also our hope that other families in the community will sign up to become donors with the national registry as well." Barbara's family is hopeful that a match could be found at this particular bone marrow drive. "We are urging the community to attend this bone marrow drive and to sign up as potential donors," said Terry Barbanell, on site organizer. "Each year many people, including children, die needlessly because no match for them exists in the national registry. This is about Barbara, while at the same time, we can create awareness of this problem and inspire people to help save lives."

For more information about the drive please call Terry Barbanell 845.708.2000 x2265 or her cell 914.924.0439. Terry's email is terry.barbanell@jawonio.org

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