



## Two-year-old needs your help getting bone marrow transplant

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A Gates family needs your help to save their two-year-old son, and others like him.

Two-year-old Brandon Polito has a rare childhood illness and needs a bone marrow transplant.

Brandon has a rare form of leukemia. His family and friends held a bone marrow drive at the Rochester International Airport.



While Brandon's parents realize it's probably impossible to think that a match will be found today, they are committed to raising awareness about the need for expanding the bone marrow registry.

The drive was held at the airport where Anthony Polito works for United Airlines.

To become part of the registry, it takes just a few minutes and a swab of cheek cells in the mouth.

For now Brandon is doing ok, with chemotherapy treatments.

Anthony says, "When he has a good day we all have a good day. Through all of his chemo treatments you wouldn't think that he has this terrible disease but we just have a lot of faith that he's going to get through this and hopefully get the awareness out to folks to come on out."