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Elim @ Bristol City Church to host Bone Marrow Registration Drive

On Sunday June 24, Elim @ Bristol City Church hosted “Mzansi Sings, a Tribute to Oliver Tambo”, a musical extravaganza from South Africa. The packed auditorium enjoyed an excellent evening of music, song and dance. The proceeds of this event would go to support the Yvette Gate Bone Marrow Campaign.

It was announced at the interval that the church will host a bone marrow registration clinic. This registration clinic that will be run by The Anthony Nolan Trust and will take place after church on **Sunday 15 July 2007**, from **1 - 4pm**, at **Elim @ Bristol City Church, Jamaica Street, off Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS2 8JP**.

As well as reaching out to members of Elim and other local churches, this clinic will also be open to the public. To join the Anthony Nolan Trust Bone Marrow Register you must be aged 18 – 40 and in good health. There is a particular need for more potential donors who are young, male or from minority ethnic backgrounds.

Anyone wishing to join the Bone Marrow Register on Sunday is encouraged to complete a registration form in advance, as this can save a great deal of time on the day. Forms and information booklets can be downloaded from www.yvettegate.co.uk . Further details are also available from David Gate on 07768 257292.

Notes for Editors:

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Registration Information

Volunteers are invited to join the Anthony Nolan Trust Bone Marrow Register. You must be between 18 and 40 years of age, in good health and weigh over 8 stone and not be medically

obese. You must also be prepared to donate to anyone that may need a bone marrow transplant if you are found to be a suitable match to that patient.

It is important that people realise that joining the Bone Marrow Register is a serious commitment. Now or in the future someone's life could depend on you and committed donors save lives.

At the clinic volunteers will be asked to complete a registration form and medical questionnaire.

There will then be a discussion with a trained counsellor and the form will be checked.

Finally a small 4ml blood sample (about a teaspoon) is then taken by a qualified nurse. Bone marrow is not taken.

Someone will only be asked to donate bone marrow at a later date if they are found to be a match to a patient needing a life saving transplant. But this would only follow more testing and counselling.

If you are not found to be a match then your tissue type information will be stored on the Anthony Nolan Trust Bone Marrow Register.

Yvette Gate Bone Marrow Campaign

The Yvette Gate Bone Marrow Campaign is a Bristol based independent registered charity. They work to raise awareness about bone marrow related illness, bone marrow registration and donation, and to recruit new potential donors onto the worldwide bone marrow register.

The Campaign was founded by the parents of Yvette Gate from Bedminster in 2005 in response to being told that she needed a bone marrow transplant. Yvette has aplastic anaemia (bone marrow failure) and two years on a donor still cannot be found for her.

They have helped organise bone marrow registration drives in Bristol and directly recruited several hundred new potential donors onto the bone marrow register.