2026 IMPACT REPORT

nbmtLINK
National Bone Marrow Transplant Link



This year we hosted two Power Panels regarding cGVHD and empowerment in survivorship.

47,000+

downloads for our podcasts. We have hosted 170 episodes over 22 seasons since 2019. Marrow Masters Minutes (YouTube Shorts, 5,000 views in 2026)

marrow masters podcast



HEALING ARTS PROGRAM

This year we expanded our Healing Arts Programs, adding monthly classes the last Wednesday of the month.

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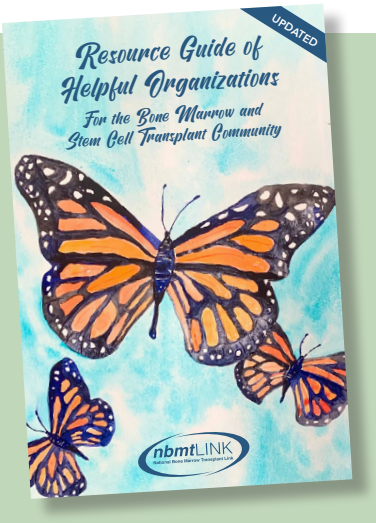
Charity Navigator
FOUR-STAR
2026

This top rating from **Charity Navigator** illustrates our commitment to transparency and showcases our goals and strategies.

In the past year, we have had more than

2.1 Million

Facebook views.



This year we vetted and updated our popular Resource Guide.



Peggy Burkhard (left) and Cindy Burke (right) sharing books and our mission at Tandem 2026 in Salk Lake City.



Greetings from Michigan!

We feel so lucky and honored to get together this fall with these incredible women, many of whom supported the nbmtLINK as staff and volunteers for several decades.

Visit nbmtlink.org or call 800-LINK-BMT to learn more.

Dear Friends of the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link,

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link (nbmtLINK). I began this long journey on Labor Day weekend of 2016 as I had developed some upper left abdominal pain along with a fever. An ensuing trip to the emergency room revealed an extremely low platelet count and the oncology/hematology doctor was called in. After a diagnosis of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) with a Philadelphia chromosome positive, I was told that my only chance for survival was a stem cell/bone marrow transplant. Eight months and eight rounds of chemotherapy later, they found a donor and I received my transplant.

Fast forward a year and a half into my recovery, I was diagnosed with chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease (cGVHD) and have been battling it since. I have it in my skin, joints, fascia and eyes. It is a daily challenge for me to navigate the ups and downs of this disease. I discovered the nbmtLINK while searching for information, as my local doctors had little to offer at that time, and it has been an invaluable resource, helping me to manage my GVHD as well as other transplant-related issues.

Both my wife Deb and I have learned so much from the LINK and have shared our experiences with others through this organization. Peers helping peers develop a new community for us has been incredibly empowering.

I have survived to witness many of life's milestones such as our daughter's high school and both son and daughter's college graduations. Deb and I celebrated our 25th, 30th and next year will mark our 35th wedding anniversary. Last June, we witnessed the joy of our son's wedding (see picture). Having resources such as the nbmtLINK have allowed me to thrive since transplant. The Lunch & Learn series along with the Marrow Masters Podcasts provide much needed information to the community of transplant patients.

Your donation to the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, no matter how great or small, will help change lives and offer real support for people like me. I promise you are making a difference, making the world better for countless BMT recipients.

A few days after I was diagnosed with ALL I said, "I've closed the bar down my whole life, I'm not going home early now!" (see picture). I'm still thriving with my family with support from organizations such as the LINK!





Many thanks and I appreciate your consideration of supporting this worthy organization.

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