

# Save Anand

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It was a tiring Wednesday evening. Anand Patel, his wife and three kids just settled back into the house after a family vacation to California. The kids were in bed and the bags were unpacked and

**He has dedicated his life to saving and helping others. Now it's our turn to help save his!**

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**Please be a part of saving a young father's life!**

**Anand Patel is 38 years old and was recently diagnosed with leukemia.**

**He is a loving husband, father, brother, and friend. Born in Kenya, Anand went to school in England and Scotland.**

**After finishing medical school, he moved to the United States and met his beautiful wife Roshni.**

**After finishing residency, he moved to Jacksonville, FL and now has 3 children Nia - 8, Diya - 6, Krish - 5. He needs your help in finding a bone marrow match!**

**This is his only hope!**

**Just 5 minutes of your time could not only save Anand, but also someone else in need!**

**For more information or to Register Online, please visit:**

**[www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org)**



now it was time to get back to reality. After watching the evening news, Anand settled into bed with his wife, not foreseeing the horrors that were to come.

The clock struck 2 and Anand, a doctor himself, awoke his wife and said the words that no one wants to hear "Roshni, take me to the emergency room!" For the past few hours, Anand was having horrific abdominal pain. Thinking it was something he ate or an unsettling stomach from the flight, Anand tried to rationalize these pains but they were different.

After extensive tests in the Emergency room, their lives were shattered when Anand was told his diagnosis - Cancer. A previously young, energetic, and healthy guy, Anand could not believe he had leukemia. His life changed in a blink of an eye.

Anand was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). This type of blood cancer requires one thing for a cure - A Bone Marrow Transplant. Modern medicine has made it easy for a person to donate bone marrow. In the past, this type of donation required drilling into someone's hip. Now, it only requires a simple blood draw - much like donating blood.

The cure, Anand's family thought was simple enough but the problem is finding a match. Finding a match depends on



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a person's ethnic background. That basically means that an Indian person will only be a match for another Indian person. Unfortunately, there are very few Indian people registered to donate. Registering to donate is very easy. Just sign up on [www.marlow.org](http://www.marlow.org). They will send you a kit at home. You swab the insides of your cheeks and send the kit back. It takes about 5 minutes and is free to do! You could also go to your local bone marrow drive and have your cheeks swabbed there.

Time is running out for Anand. Anand is currently receiving treatment at Moffitt Cancer Hospital in Tampa, FL. So please register and pass the word! We hope you are a match for Anand. If not, you may be able to save someone else's life!

Anand is a physician and he has spent his life helping and saving others. Now it is our turn to help save his! Anand means happiness. Please help us bring the happiness back to him and his family! Please help us save this young father's life!

Please help join the bone marrow registry by attending any of the following drives!

### TAMPA

**September 10<sup>th</sup>** - Indian Cultural Center 530pm onwards at 5511 Lynn Road Tampa, FL 33624

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** - International Curry Festival 11am-9pm Bayanihan Arts and Outdoor Events Center 14301 Nine Eagles Drive Tampa, FL 33626

**October 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** - Fairgrounds Garba, Florida State Fairgrounds at 4800 N US Highway 301 Tampa, FL 33610

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