



Meet 16 Year Volunteer — Peggy McIvor



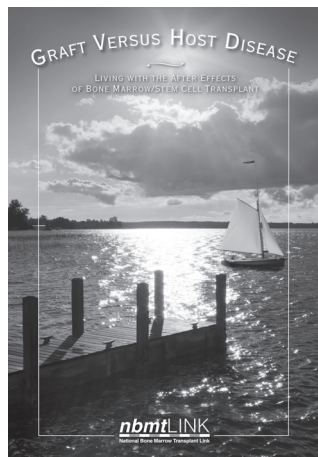
Peggy McIvor is a dedicated nbmtLINK volunteer, having logged more than 3,000 hours over the past 16 years! Peggy's BMT for Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia took place in 1994 with her sister as an exact match, at the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Every Wednesday, Peggy comes to the nbmtLINK office, headquartered in Southfield, Michigan. As a trained peer support volunteer, she speaks to BMT patients,

survivors, caregivers, and families from all around the country, offering encouragement and providing information. She also helps with mailings and multiple other office-related tasks.

We are very fortunate to have Peggy in our midst and inspired by her strong, caring and thoughtful ways. She is a special individual who always focuses on others. If you would like information on becoming a peer support volunteer, please email us at info@nbmtlink.org. ♦

New Booklet on Graft Versus Host Disease (GVHD) Coming in 2014



Due to significant demand for information and support from patients, survivors, caregivers, and families who are coping with graft versus host disease, the nbmtLINK is creating a new educational booklet. This new publication, *Graft versus Host Disease: Living with the After Effects of Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant*, is scheduled for release in

2014. The need for the booklet grew out of our Chronic Graft versus Host Disease Telephone/Education Support Group program.

We are grateful to the esteemed contributing authors (see sidebar) for donating their time and expertise to our publication which will bring information, support, and understanding to those facing the difficult challenges of GVHD.

Book sponsorship opportunities are available for BMT Centers and others. Please contact Myra Jacobs for additional information at myrajacobs@nbmtlink.org or call 248-358-1886. ♦

The contributing authors to the new publication include:

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nbmtLINK's New 2 GB USB Flashdrives: Now Available to Patients and BMT Centers

Medical centers and individuals can now place orders for a recently developed 2 GB USB flash drive that contains information for patients about available nbmtLINK resources and support. It includes a downloadable copy (and audio excerpts) of *Voices of Hope and Healing*, a collection of inspirational stories, poetry, and practical advice from bone marrow/stem



cell transplant survivors. Extra space on the flash drive allows medical centers to personalize with their own documents.

To order the flash drive, please go to the nbmtLINK website at www.nbmtlink.org where you will also find our other publications, CD's and DVD. ♦

In-service Visits to BMT Centers Provide a Valuable Exchange of Information

As part of its Linking Curing & Caring through Outreach & Awareness program, the nbmtLINK continues to meet with transplant teams around the country. Visits allow for robust discussions on meeting the emotional support needs of BMT patients, caregivers, and families as well as stimulating a dialog on creating new programs. This past year, in-services were held at the following centers:

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN; Be The Match, Minneapolis, MN; Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee, WI; Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit, MI; University of Illinois, Chicago, IL; New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY; Beth

Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA; National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA; and Seidman Cancer Center, Cleveland, OH.



If you would like to schedule either an in-person visit or a “teleconferenced” visit, please contact Myra Jacobs, founding director of the nbmtLINK, at 248-358-1886 or email myrajacobs@nbmtlink.org. ♦

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