



**YELLOW TAXI INDUSTRY ORGANIZES BONE MARROW  
DONOR DRIVES TO HELP SAVE 3-YEAR-OLD BOY**

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The yellow medallion taxi industry is uniting to help save a 3-year-old boy, Rayan, who has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia and is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant. Since Rayan is from Pakistan, there is a higher likelihood that the necessary donor match will also be of South Asian descent – which would include India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. A large population of yellow medallion taxi drivers hail from South Asia, prompting the yellow taxi industry to help organize seven bone marrow donor drives in Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn locations starting Thursday, February 24, in conjunction with Rayan’s family and DKMS – a Leukemia support and advocacy organization which operates the world’s largest bone marrow registry.

All taxi drivers, especially those of South Asian descent, are urged to visit one of the following locations and get “swabbed” by a DKMS volunteer. The entire process takes just a few minutes and only requires a cheek swab to determine donor eligibility.

**BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVES:**

***THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>***  
***9:00 AM – 6:00 PM***

CREATIVE MOBILE TECHNOLOGIES  
11-51 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 937-4444  
Contact: Jed Appelbaum

***FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>***  
***9:00 AM – 6:00 PM***

HANAC TAXI ACADEMY

35-11 Queens Blvd.  
Long Island City, NY 11104  
(718) 433-0493  
Contacts: Rosa Elena

***4:00 PM – 6:00 PM***  
UNITED MANAGEMENT  
38-08 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Contact: Savas Tsitiridis (718) 392-4600

***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup>***  
***2:00 PM – 4:00 PM***

GOTHAM YELLOW TAXI  
134-02 33<sup>RD</sup> Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11354  
(718) 762-3500  
Contacts: Billy Goldwasser and Jonathan Herman

CHECKER MANAGEMENT  
22-10 Jackson Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 361-6300  
Contacts: Mike Karpides

***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>***  
***2:00 PM – 4:00 PM***

SUSAN MAINTENANCE  
374 4<sup>TH</sup> Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11222  
Contacts: DJ Singh – Gabby  
718-222-4040

AWESOME TAXI  
520 W. 44 Street  
New York, NY 10036  
Contacts: Mel  
(212) 967-7577

STYLE MANAGEMENT  
518 W. 44 Street  
New York, NY 10036  
Contact: Israel  
(212) 279-3166

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Madeline Tsingopoulos at (917) 612-1600.***