

Improve the Lives of Children with Immune Deficiency

Immune deficiency diseases affect as many as 1 Million Americans and 10 Million Worldwide. The most severe is Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (**SCID**). Unless corrected, the affected child will likely die of opportunistic infections before their first or second birthday. Approximately **1 in every 33,000 newborns have SCID**. Newborn screening tests give doctors early treatment capability.

BE GREAT Foundation enables advancements in curative treatments for children with immune deficiency by supporting improvements in bone marrow transplantation, medical equipment and educational programs for parents.

Every donation to BE GREAT improves the lives and medical outcomes of children with immune deficiency through four programs:

- Expanding diagnostics and research in immunology and transplantation
- Increasing public cord blood donation
- Delivering education programs for BMT families
- Expediting diagnosis time after abnormal newborn screening results

Every child deserves to be healthy
and the chance to *Be Great!*

Help Us Make Tangible Impact

\$50 BMT Family Education provides educational materials to families of children undergoing the Bone Marrow Transplant process

\$250 Cord Blood Collection Kits enables families to donate their newborn's cord to the Public Cord Blood Bank through the National Marrow Donor Program **BE THE MATCH®**

\$1,000 Advanced Medical Equipment & Rapid Screening Program provides programs for pediatricians to take the next steps in rapid diagnosis following newborn screening tests

\$10,000+ Center for Diagnostic Immunology & Transplantation provides a step towards establishing the CDI&T at Children's National Medical Center **Goal: \$5,000,000**

BE GREAT is dedicated to **Alexander James Plotas** who died in 2011 from a severe form of immune deficiency, after a successful Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT).

