

Donated cord blood can be the difference

Compassion and generosity are hallmarks of motherhood. As we look forward to this Mother's Day, there is a singularly meaningful way that expectant mothers can show compassion and give hope to people in need: by donating umbilical cord blood.

Cord blood, normally disposed of after birth, can at times be the only potentially life-saving treatment option for thousands of patients suffering from truly devastating blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma.

The donation process is simple and can be arranged in advance. It doesn't affect labor or delivery, and is safe for moms and babies.

When you donate your baby's cord blood to a public cord blood bank, such as Hawaii Cord Blood Bank, you pay nothing. Your baby's cord blood will be listed on the national Be The Match Registry, where it is made available to anyone in need of a transplant.

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