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Dear friends,

I'm asking for help for a friend at the Hutch. Graham Barnell has the exact same type of cancer as I do, AML with the 6-9 chromosome switch and a flt-3 mutation. He and his wife, Samantha, are from Melbourne, Australia. They have two young children, Jack and Poppy, who are back in Australia.

I met Samantha in a yoga class at the Hutch and was amazed at her positive energy and outlook. Graham is a wonderfully funny and sweet soul (read Graham's blog at: <http://www.seattle-times.blogspot.com>). Their older son, Jack, was able to visit for a short while and that was quite a blessing because it's so hard for them to be away from their children for so long.

Graham had his first chemotherapy in Australia but no hospital there would do a transplant because they could not find a donor match. They came to the Hutch for a double cord transplant, which uses umbilical cord blood, instead of adult stem cells. Graham is in remission and will be having his transplant tomorrow, August 6th!

Because Graham is Australian he has no health insurance in the US and the family has to pay the large medical bills. The transplant is expensive in itself and then there are the hospital stays, medications, and a place to live in Seattle.

This brings me to my request. If you can make even a small donation of five or ten dollars that would make a great difference to Graham and Samantha. If you have friends, family, or co-workers you feel comfortable sharing this request with, please forward this email to them. Donations can be made through: www.adonorforgraham.com

Thank you so much for all of the love and support you have given me and my family over the past two years.

Anna