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Be A Lifeline Gala



From left: Seun Adebisi, Charlotte Moss and Dr. Sergio Giralto

New friends and longtime supporters came ready to celebrate at The Bone Marrow Foundation's Be A Lifeline Gala with Master of Ceremonies Sam Champion and Josh Elliott, co-hosts of ABC's Good Morning America. Darlene Love, legendary "back-up" singer sang several of her signature hits including "He's A Rebel." Sam and Josh spoke passionately about the importance of The Bone Marrow Foundation's (The BMF) work and their experience of supporting co-host [Robin Roberts](#) as she navigated the transplant journey. Robin's story, and the stories of many others like her, is the reason that The BMF takes its mission of providing financial, emotional, and educational support to transplant patients and their families so seriously. A [short film](#) detailing some of these stories brought the organization's mission to life and shed a light on the profound emotional and financial struggles experienced by patients and their families. Those highlighted in the film represent just a few of the many thousands of patients The BMF has been able to help over the years.

Robin Roberts then took the stage to share her own experiences progressing from diagnosis to treatment to recovery. Her story reminded the audience of the impact that positive support and encouragement can have on the recovery process. Robin presented her physician, [Dr. Sergio Giralto](#) with the inaugural Dr. E. Donnall Thomas Award. This

2013 ING NYC Marathon

We are calling all runners to the 2013 ING New York Marathon to conquer 26.2 miles on November 3rd and contribute much needed funding for our patients! If you are a runner, consider the challenge or tell your running friends about this wonderful opportunity.



Join The Bone Marrow Foundation's team and be a lifeline one mile at a time to the thousands of children and adults who need our help!

We are currently accepting applications from runners, but entries are limited so [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

Profile: Michele Russell

Michele Russell is an accomplished painter and muralist. Michele is also a bone marrow transplant survivor and good friend to The BMF. Michele's series of exquisite floral tulips was the cover art for the note cards given to our guests attending the May 16th gala.

award celebrates the groundbreaking work of the late **Dr. E. Donnal Thomas**, a pioneer in bone marrow transplantation, and honors medical professionals who exemplify his spirit and commitment to improving the lives of patients. Dr. Giralt, a member of The BMF Medical Advisory Board for many years, is Chief of Adult Bone Marrow Transplant Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Acclaimed interior designer and longtime board member Charlotte Moss received the Brandon Tartikoff Award. Charlotte's nieces presented her with the award and told the story of her bone marrow donation to their father. They also spoke of her tireless efforts to improve the lives of transplant patients through her involvement at The Bone Marrow Foundation. The Brandon Tartikoff award was established in memory of the late Brandon Tartikoff and is presented to a recipient who embodies the generosity of spirit, vision and creativity that so characterized the late Mr. Tartikoff. Charlotte's mantra is "everyone can be a lifeline." She spearheaded The BMF's Lifeline Project for patients.

Aspiring Olympian and cord blood transplant survivor Seun Adebisi received the Gift of Life Award. Lee Moulton, his friend and former Goldman Sachs colleague, spoke of Seun's courage and strength. This award recognizes an individual who has raised awareness of the need for a humanitarian response to the medical and economic consequences of cancer. Seun launched the very first bone marrow registry in Nigeria in 2012 helping Africans and African Americans worldwide.



Lifeline Project

You can be someone's lifeline. Make a direct and instant difference in the life of a child or adult undergoing a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go directly to the patient (or patients) you select to help meet their uncovered financial needs during transplant. Give a little or give a lot. Every dollar makes a difference.



[Click here to Be a lifeline.™](#)

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The BMF Annual Golf Event

The 2013 Sports Legend Golf Classic in Delray Beach was the place to be for anyone wanting to dine or golf with a legend. Eager to raise money and awareness for The Bone Marrow Foundation, 100 golfers arrived with wallets open, ready to bid on an array of auction items, including a 4-day package to the US Tennis Open.



Honoree NFL coach, Bill Cowher and Jason Bolton

The list of celebrities participating included many superstars from the world of sports and broadcasting. This year's honoree was legendary NFL coach Bill Cowher. Bill is one of the most successful head coaches in NFL history. In his

Board Member: Jeff Bolton



It comes with great sadness that we share the tragic news of the passing of our Board Member Jeff Bolton. Co-founder of the Daszkal Bolton

fifteen years with Pittsburgh, he led the Steelers to eight division titles, six AFC championship games, ten overall playoff appearances and two Super Bowls. He is one of only six coaches in NFL history to claim at least seven division titles. For the past seven years, Bill has been an analyst for the CBS pre-game show, The NFL Today, and last year made his big screen debut in The Dark Knight Rises.

If you'd like to tee off with us next year, please contact tournament director Jack Paltani at (954) 385-0200, or email thebmf@bonemarrow.org

MEDICAL UPDATE

Allogeneic Transplantation being tested as Cure for Severe Crohn's Disease!

Since the first successful bone marrow transplant in 1968, there have been great advances in the understanding of transplantation biology so that the procedure has evolved from a treatment of last resort to a "first line" therapy. Bone marrow, stem cell and cord blood transplants treat more than 70 types of cancer and genetic diseases. Recently, researchers at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance have launched a clinical trial of allogeneic bone marrow transplantation to cure severe cases of Crohn's disease. The goal is to replace the patient's faulty immune system with a healthy one. Researchers hope that eliminating the genetic causes of Crohn's disease will eradicate the terrible debilitating symptoms.



accounting firm, Jeff first began his involvement with The Bone Marrow Foundation after his son Jason received a bone marrow transplant to treat leukemia. Jeff touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

If you would like to honor Jeff by making a donation in his name please go to www.bonemarrow.org.

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