



Patients in Russia face unique challenges:

- *lack of national bone marrow donor registry;*
- *bureaucratic red tape that families have to struggle with to obtain government's treatment quotas;*
- *lack of supporting medications that have to be purchased privately;*
- *high cost of imported equipment and medications, and*
- *inadequate federal financing of healthcare*

As a result, thousands of children remain untreated, receive inadequate care, or run out of money long before the treatment is completed. **While close to 80% of children with cancer are cured in the West, only 50% survive in Russian hospitals.** We strive to close this gap.

100% of your donations are used to pay for bone marrow transplants, cancer drugs and supporting medications, and other necessary medical procedures. Our fund is staffed by volunteers only, and the money we raise goes directly to the patients. We pay for overhead costs out of our own pockets.

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Stas Pryakhin is 27 years old. He is a student at St. Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts, majoring in film and photography. In August 2009, Stas was hospitalized due to severe pain in his bones. The tests revealed he had acute lymphoblastic leukemia with Philadelphia chromosome breakage. Stas had barely begun treatment, when sudden development of meningitis sent him to intensive care unit. The doctors were pessimistic about his chances, but Stas survived. He got out of intensive care and resumed therapy, which was interrupted two more times due to several blood infections. In January 2010, Stas was discharged for a short time to take college tests, and soon afterwards he returned to the hospital for high-dosage chemotherapy. When the therapy is completed, Stas is recommended to undergo bone marrow transplantation. The cost of procedure is 15,000 euros and it is scheduled for July-August 2010. Please help us in raising money for Stas!

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