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**Local Bone Marrow Donor Receives Congressional Support for African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month!**

(Detroit, Michigan 5/10/10) – John C. Frierson (Founder of A Bone Marrow Wish) rallied the local and national support of congress members to bring awareness and education to one of the most under-represented groups on the National Marrow Donor Program/Be the Match.org registry –African Americans. The inaugural “African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month” (AABMAM) campaign launch will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit at 11:00 a.m. on June 26, 2010. The press conference will acknowledge congressional, health, and business supporters, include testimonials from donors and recipients, and announce the 5 city tour locations. A community awareness and education session will be held in the Rotunda of the museum from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

“The bone marrow donation process was so non-invasive that I have made it my mission to carry this urgent message to communities that may be hindered from joining the registry by myths and other factors”, said John C. Frierson. “The African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month campaign will support and engage African Americans in the process of making informed, proactive decisions about joining the national registry in order to potentially Save a Life.”

In June 2007, [U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick](#) introduced ABMW' [proposed national resolution](#) for an African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month to the House of Representatives. In June 2009, [U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow](#) (D-MI) and [U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson](#) (R-GA) co-sponsored the resolution before the Senate and [it was passed unanimously](#).

A Bone Marrow Wish organization is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit that have worked diligently to bring awareness and education to African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American communities through health fairs, faith-based visits, family reunions, shopping mall events, and workplace meetings since 2003. Contact A Bone Marrow Wish at [info@bonemarrowwish.org](mailto:info@bonemarrowwish.org) or 313-575-9100 to learn more, volunteer, or donate.

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