



# Donate your baby's cord blood to the Carolinas Cord Blood Bank.

## Why should I think about donating my baby's cord blood?

The blood in your baby's umbilical cord and placenta contains blood-forming stem cells that may be used to treat a patient with cancer, sickle cell or a life threatening genetic disease in need of a stem cell transplant.

## What is the Carolinas Cord Blood Bank?

The Carolinas Cord Blood Bank (CCBB) is a public cord blood bank that collects, tests and stores cord blood donated by moms like you who have delivered a healthy baby after an uncomplicated pregnancy and birthing process. The bank tests, processes and stores cord blood for use by patients in need of an unrelated donor for transplantation. The CCBB participates in the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) making it available through the NMDP Registry to anyone needing a life-saving transplant.

## What is involved in being a cord blood donor?

- You will be asked to review and sign a consent form prior to delivery
- A sample of your blood will be drawn for infectious disease testing
- You will be asked to complete a medical history
- Your delivery experience will not be changed in any way
- Strict confidentiality is maintained
- There is no risk to you or your baby
- There is no charge for the donation
- You will be asked to allow us to contact you at a later date

## How can I become a donor?

Simply talk to your doctor or midwife about your wish to donate to the public cord blood bank. You may contact us at 910-643-2517 and arrange a time to review and sign the consent form during one of your prenatal visits at Womack, or you may ask to speak with a CCBB representative when you are admitted to Labor & Delivery.

## If I still have questions, what do I do?

If you have questions about the program, please call 919-668-1116 to speak with a CCBB staff member or 910-643-2517 to speak with a member of the Womack collection team.

*Participation is voluntary and part of an ongoing research study at Duke University.*



Ajani was diagnosed with leukemia at age two. His doctor gave him three months to live, unless he got an unrelated umbilical cord blood transplant. Fortunately, a matching cord blood unit was found, thanks to another family's generous decision to donate their baby's cord blood to a public cord blood bank.

Ajani received his transplant and his mother Risa has been trying to keep up with him ever since. Ajani enjoys riding his bike, playing ball of any kind, listening to music and competing with his cousins in just about anything. "No question, the transplant saved my son's life."

# Create one life, save another.