

ACLT (African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust) – News release

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STAR BAILIFF OF CHANNEL 5'S CAN'T PAY? WE'LL TAKE IT AWAY NEEDS LIFESAVING DONOR

#MATCH4DELROY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES TO HELP SAVE LIFE OF TV STAR

Delroy Anglin, a star bailiff of the TV series, *Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!* has launched an appeal to encourage more African and Caribbean people living in the UK to join the Stem Cell Register.

The #Match4Delroy appeal which is to be led by blood cancer charity ACLT is hoping to find an unmatched donor for Delroy who requires a lifesaving stem cell (bone marrow) transplant if he is to beat his battle with leukaemia.

Delroy, aged 56, was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) last November. Since his diagnosis, Delroy has managed with drugs and receiving two rounds of chemotherapy, but tests show the leukaemia remains. Doctors have confirmed Delroy will need an urgent stem cell transplant to beat the illness.

With siblings having a one in four chance of being a match, it was no surprise out of Delroy's five siblings, none were found to be a match to help their brother.

The pain and anguish of dealing with a loved one being diagnosed with blood cancer is something Delroy and his family are all too familiar with, as it was 40 years ago, Delroy's brother lost his battle against leukaemia – which makes Delroy's illness that much more painful for his loved ones to deal with.

Delroy's sister **Janet Hills**, who is **Chair at the Met Black Police Association (MBPS) and President at National Black Police Association (NBPA)** said:

*"When I tell people that Delroy from *Can't Pay, We'll Take it Away!* is my brother, there is an immediate outpouring of warmth and love. I'm praying this appeal turns that love into action."*

"ACLT is the preferred charity for the MBPS and the NBPA. Our members continually engage with the charity and organise community events to raise awareness and funds. If you love Del on the show as much as I love him as my brother, then please, please, please make that commitment today to join the stem cells (bone marrow) register."

Delroy is being supported by his loving family which includes his children and mother. His daughter **Domenique Anglin** said:

“Dad is an active, charismatic person, he loves socialising with his family and friends. He is a fantastic father to my siblings and a wonderful Grandfather too. I am appealing on his behalf to all Caribbean and African people in the UK and abroad to join the register, in the hope they might be the match that saves his life.”

Delroy Anglin said:

“It’s going to be difficult to find me a perfect matched donor unless we have a lot more Caribbean and African people on the register. It takes 15 minutes to register and is almost painless to donate. I want to beat this illness, but I will only be able to do so, with the help of the Caribbean and African community.”

“I am requesting for more people of Caribbean and African heritage to join the register to help me and others like me.”

Beverley De-Gale, ACLT co-founder said:

“Delroy’s life has done a complete 360 in the last four months. From being on a popular documentary series to being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. We hope fans of the show come together and help save the life of the individual they have come to love on-screen, in addition to joe-public who don’t watch the show.”

“If you’re 16 – 55 and in good health, you could potentially be the person to save Delroy’s life.”

You could be a #Match4Delroy. Join the Stem Cell Register, visit aclt.org

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