



OPERATION WEAR RED
HOPE FOR APLASTIC ANEMIA



Join the Movement - February 27 - March 5, 2017

For the year third in a row, the **Julia's Wings Foundation** is kicking off its **Operation Wear Red** Campaign to help raise awareness of Aplastic Anemia during the first week of March. We are happy to participate as a partner in their awareness efforts here's the details:



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About Aplastic Anemia & the Julia's Wings Foundation



Julia Malsin of Sherman, CT bravely battled aplastic anemia for a year before passing away at the young age of 13. Julia's parents Mike and Heather Malsin established the Julia's Wings Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. JWF has partnered with the AA& MDS International Foundation to create 2 Julia Malsin Research Funds. A portion of Julia's research funds of \$120,000 have begun funding research specifically for aplastic anemia. Raising awareness of this disease is key and joining the National Bone Marrow registry is the 1st step to finding a possible cure for patients with bone marrow failure.



What is Aplastic Anemia?

Aplastic Anemia is a rare and serious disease. It happens when your bone marrow fails to make enough blood cells. Low blood counts will lead to anemia, bleeding and infection.

Who Gets Aplastic Anemia?

Each year, between 600 and 900 americans learn that they have aplastic anemia. This disease can strike people of any age, race, or gender, but is more common among children, teenagers and young adults.

How is the Disease Diagnosed?

Your doctor will test samples of your blood and bone marrow.

What Causes Aplastic Anemia?

Most experts believe that aplastic anemia happens when your immune system attacks and kills your bone marrow stem cells. These are required for blood cell production. When bone marrow stem cells are killed, your blood counts fall, often to very low levels.

What are the Symptoms?

The symptoms of aplastic anemia depend on which type of blood cell is affected. Low red blood cell counts cause fatigue, low white blood cell counts increase the risk for infection, and low platelet counts cause bleeding and bruising.