

Your baby's *Cord Blood* could *save a life!*



WHY ONE FAMILY DONATED CORD BLOOD TWICE

After donating their first daughter's cord blood in 2007 at Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC, The Dan Berger Cord Blood Program's first cord blood donors — Matt and Kayla Lang — welcomed their second child, Kadence Scarlett, on May 13, 2010. Delivered at West Penn Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, the Langs were relieved to hear that the program expanded to every maternity hospital in Pittsburgh. "We were so proud of donating the first time, we wanted to do it again. It's something that we can do that's easy, free, and painless, and we know it can change someone's life," says Ms. Lang.

Cord blood, or the blood left in the umbilical cord and the placenta right after the baby is born, is rich in stem cells. These stem cells have been used to treat diseases such as leukemia and lymphomas. The baby does not need cord blood after being delivered and the Langs refused to let this vital resource be discarded.

One factor influencing their decision to donate publicly both times was that Kayla's friend, who suffered from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, was treated with a stem cell transplant. Another influential factor was Matt's father who died of cancer in 2005. The Langs want to do all they can to help people battle cancer and other diseases treatable by cord blood stem cell transplants. "We need people like the Langs to recognize the great need for stem cells and how easy it is to donate," said Carol Berger, widow of Dan Berger.

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