



5 June 2007

Cordially Celebrating

The Bone Marrow Donor Institute (BMDI) Cord Blood Bank will celebrate three significant milestones on Wednesday 6 June 2007 with a function at the Ella Latham Meeting Room, Royal Children's Hospital, First Floor, Flemington Road, Parkville at 10.00am.

2007 has been an exciting year for the BMDI Cord Blood Bank. After recently **celebrating 10 years of operation**, it **released its 100th cord blood unit** for a life saving transplant in 2007. Kelly Riggs-Dobie, who donated the 100th cord blood will be present on the day, as will 5 year old Milli who is recovering from cancer thanks to a cord blood donation.

The BMDI Cord Blood Bank also received international accreditation from the Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) which recognises the BMDI Cord Blood Bank as having a high standard of operation, and therefore is more likely to be sourced for transplants worldwide. The BMDI Cord Blood Bank is the first cord blood bank in Australia to be granted this prestigious accreditation, and only the thirteenth in the world.

BMDI Cord Blood Bank Ambassador and cord blood donor, Tracey Curro will join us to celebrate these milestones and speak on her personal experience and her passion for the BMDI Cord Blood Bank.

The BMDI Cord Blood Bank, a member of AusCord, offers a second chance of life to those diagnosed with leukaemia and other life threatening blood disorders. The BMDI Cord Blood Bank was established to service not only the Australian community but the international community at large.

The BMDI Cord Blood Bank is a partnership between the Bone Marrow Donor Institute, the Royal Children's Hospital and the Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

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