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Friday, February 23, 1996 Jay Feinberg Returns Home After **Bone Marrow Transplant**

NEW YORK, NY (JTA) - Jay Feinberg, the 26-year-old Jewish man whose medical plight initiated an international bone marrow search, returned home recently in good health to West Orange, NJ. Feinberg began his search for a donor after being diagnosed with leukemia in 1991.

Four years later, the poster boy for bone marrow donations - who appeared on the Sally Jesse Raphael show, met with Vice President Al Gore and found matches for others with leukemia - finally found in Chicago a match for himself from an unidentified young woman.

Feinberg received the transplant last July at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

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Feinberg is recuperating at home and is said to have tested leukemia free. Doctors said he is producing only healthy donor cells but has a suppressed immune system and is weak. Each day he gets stronger and doctors are optimistic that he will make a complete recovery.

Family members said that the work of the organization they started on Feinberg's behalf



- Friends of Jay Feinberg - will continue to help others find possible matches. The foundation has some 55,000 possible donors.

For more information call 1-800-9-MARROW.



