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 chance of developing the leukemia/lymphoma, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has made HTLV-1 one of its priorities and has established the adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma study, which focuses on seven hospitals in Brooklyn that serve a large Caribbean population.

The most important things to know about HTLV-1 are that it is completely preventable and that the most serious complications develop in less than 10% of those who have the virus (less than

4% are currently thought to develop the lymphoma), said Dr. Paul Levine, Senior Clinical Investigator at NCI HTLV-1 is a sexually transmitted disease. It is not AIDS and it will not become an epidemic like AIDS because it is much harder to transmit. Nursing mothers can give their virus to their babies through breast milk, however. And, the spread of the virus can be prevented by the use of condoms. People who contract the disease as infants have a much greater chance of

developing leukemia. Doctors around the country and the Centers for Disease Control are pushing for increased screening programs for the virus, which is difficult to diagnose and new to many physicians. People at risk should recognize HTLV-1-related symptoms, most of which are neurological and include: muscle spasms or weakness in the legs and incontinence.

MARROW DONOR PROJECT SEEKS CRUCIAL MINORITY PARTICIPATION

The National Marrow Donor

Program (NMDP) has developed a nationwide campaign to increase the number of African American, Native American, Latino American and Asian American marrow donors. Currently, the NMDP registry has more than 1.3 million marrow donor volunteers of which only 227,538 are people of color.

Increasing the number of minority donors is critical because the factors that determine whether or not the transplantation of marrow is possible are genetically inherited

like eye, skin and hair color. Therefore, a person is most likely to find a donor among people of his or her own racial or ethnic group. Marrow transplants are considered among the best possible treatments for leukemia, Hodgkins and non-Hodgkins lymphoma, aplastic anemia and more than 50 other diseases.

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION SIMPLIFIES IMPROVED LUNG HEALTH

African Americans are especially vulnerable to cigarette

smoke-related lung cancer and both African Americans and Latinos suffer high rates of asthma. Knowing what to do (besides kick the habit) to help keep your lungs healthy is a bit of a mystery to many people, however, so the American Lung Association has published — Your Lungs, An Owner's Manual — offering help with problems like air pollution, smoking and kids, and checking out the air quality in your home. FOR FREE COPIES OF THE BOOKLET, CALL 1-800-LUNG-USA.

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 newspapers in their areas, 2) the national Newspaper Publishers Association in Washington D.C. or 3) HILTON HIGHER EDUCATION to inquire about the availability of a particular journalist/adjunct faculty.

An additional advantage to connecting with these individuals is that you are creating a solid media ally for future potential battles and issues.

One final suggestion, every parent and/or educator should also commit to writing periodic articles for these newspapers as well. Few people can tell your story to these nearly thirteen million readers better than you can yourself.

Not only should you strive to be the best in your profession, but also strive to be one of the best adjunct professors in the African American press.

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WOMEN

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 be held at the Oakland Convention Center and Parc Oakland Hotel, October 23, 1994.

Susan L. Taylor, editor-in-chief of ESSENCE Magazine, will be the featured guest speaker at Friday night's keynote dinner on October 21. Ms. Taylor, who recently concluded her In The Spirit national book tour, will be joined by legendary actress and activist Ms. Ruby Dee, who will speak during a luncheon on Saturday October 22. The outspoken and passionate Iyanla Vanzant, author of best sellers Tapping the Power Within and Acts of Faith will open the conference, 9:00 a.m. Friday morning. Patricia Russell-McCloud, Esp., one of our nations most powerful motivational speakers, will close the conference during Sunday (See Women, Page 26)

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