'Only a donor can save my wife's life'



HEARTACHE: The Sinfields

A DESPERATE editor has used his own newspaper to make a heartbreaking plea to readers to save his cancer-stricken wife, writes Eugene Henderson.

Stephen Sinfield, editor of the Ashbourne News Telegraph in Derbyshire, is campaigning to recruit more bone-marrow donors in a bid to help Katherine and other patients in urgent need.

Doctors have told the 32-year-old primary school teacher they can no longer control her chronic myeloid leukaemia with drugs and her only hope of survival is a bone marrow transplant. Katherine said they had been "deeply touched" by offers from family, friends and colleagues and added: "Every person who signs up to the bone-marrow register is helping to save a life."

Only about 30 per cent of patients have relatives who are suitable donors, the rest must pin their hopes of a match from a volunteer.

Information about bone-marrow donation is available from the National Blood Service Donor Helpline on 0300 123 2323.