

"PRETTY MUCH A MIRACLE"

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That low probability is enough for some parents. Tami originally spoke to her doctor about cord blood banking when she was pregnant with her son Blase in 2002. Her doctor convinced her not to bank.

But Byrd started speaking to cord blood banks when Blase was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. At the time, she was five months pregnant with her third son, Bryce. She learned if the baby was a match for Blase's stem cells they could be used to treat his leukemia.

"The whole thing was pretty much a miracle," Tami said.

When Bryce was born, Tami stored his cord blood. After being treated with his brother's cord blood, Blase has been cancer-free for four years.

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