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Dear Classmates,

This ClassBlast is a RED FLARE call to assist a Classmate in need. **Mark Joslin** (19 Co) could use our help. I'll let him explain here:

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**MAYDAY**

I've got some extremely difficult news to share. I hesitated to send this, but I am struggling both emotionally and physically and need help.

I recently received a diagnosis of early-stage liver cancer, HCC. This news was shocking to me, but I am determined to beat this. I have already started treatment, and I marvel at what my doctors can do. Ultimately though, there is only one high probability solution: a type O, healthy 18-65 year old willing to donate part of their liver. With incredible trepidation, and after exhausting my DNA options, I am respectfully requesting aid from my Classmates, whether it be physical organ donation, guidance, or leads for me to seek help.

A living liver transplant has the highest survivability rate, > 90% at 5 years. It is a surgery that involves removing a portion of a healthy liver from one person and transplanting it into another person. The alternatives are chemotherapy, radiation, and pharmacological approaches which have a much lower probability of survival.

I know this is a huge ask. I am hoping that you (or someone you know) will consider being a donor for me. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me. I've got a ton of information I can share with you. Even if you cannot help or choose not to, any goodwill is appreciated.

Thank you for your love and support throughout the years and on this journey.

Much love,

Jos

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If you can be of any assistance, please contact Mark directly at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

**Go '87! Beat Cancer!**

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