

BONE MARROW REGISTRY

Driving for Donors

▶ **Pat Pedraja**, a 12-year-old boy from Florida, completed a 15-week cross-country tour by RV. No, this was not your typical summer vacation. From a 31-foot, 2006 Fleetwood Jamboree GT donated by RV Sales of Broward, **Pat and his family conducted bone marrow drives in 33 cities** from Tampa to New York to San Diego to Houston – and everywhere in between.

Pat's mom, Claudine Andrews, quickly conquered her fear of operating a Class C-sized vehicle to help her son

– who is battling leukemia – achieve his dream: to help save lives by traveling the country educating people about the need for marrow donors, especially by minorities. Along the way, Pat met numerous celebrities and cancer patients, but most importantly, signed up more than 5,000 new donors to the National Bone Marrow Registry.

For more information about Pat's trip or how you can help, visit **Driving for Donors** at www.drivingfordonors.com. – *Robin Kavanagh*

