



TEAM PHILADELPHIA YEARBOOK

Transplant Games of America

Salt Lake City, Utah

August 2-7, 2018



GIFT of LIFE
DONOR PROGRAM
THE REGION'S ORGAN & TISSUE TRANSPLANT NETWORK



Team Philadelphia 2018

Team Members

# of Living Donors	# of Transplant Recipients	# of Donor Families
15	62	25

Athlete Age Range	Oldest Transplant - Newest Transplant
7—71	1978—2017

Sports # of athletes participating in...

2K Walk	5K	Badminton	Ballroom Dancing	Basketball
34	19	6	2	24

Bowling	Cornhole	Cycling	Darts	Golf
33	12	8	25	7

Lyrics for Life	Pickleball	Swimming	Table Tennis
2	14	12	4

Tennis	Texas Hold'em	Track & Field	Trivia	Volleyball
5	4	36	3	17

Organs Received

Cornea	Double Lung	Heart	Heart + Lung	Kidney
2	2	14	1	25

Kidney + Liver	Kidney + Pancreas	Liver	Lung	Pancreas	Tissue
2	1	10	3	1	1

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Swimming

Suzanne Ahmie
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Badminton

Barry Beard

Volleyball

Bert Fox

Bowling

Mike & Jenn Hall

Track and Field

Luke Payson
Bob Supplee

Basketball

Michael Meshkov

Tennis

Joe Radvansky

Golf

Michael Seidick



About Gift of Life Donor Program

Headquartered in Philadelphia, PA, Gift of Life Donor Program is the largest organ procurement organization (OPO) in the United States, serving 11.2 million people across the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. The non-profit, federally-designated OPO is part of the national network, UNOS, the United Network for Organ Sharing. Working in partnership with the 130 acute care hospitals and 15 transplant centers in its designated service area, Gift of Life helps give people a second chance at life. Since 1974, Gift of Life has coordinated more than 46,000 organs for transplantation and approximately one million life-enhancing tissue transplants.

The need for more donors is one of this country's critical public health issues. Currently, there are approximately 115,000 men, women and children awaiting a life-saving transplant in the United States, with an average of 20 people dying each day waiting for an organ. Just one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can benefit more than 75 others.

Gift of Life's devotion to the transplant community includes a "home away from home" for transplant patients and their families. Gift of Life Family House provides affordable lodging, meals and supportive services to those who travel to Philadelphia for transplant-related care. Since its founding in July 2011, the Family House has provided more than **51,500** lodging nights for more than **95,300** guests and served more than **196,600** meals.

Gift of Life Donor Program is recognized internationally for its leadership and scholarship in the field of organ and tissue donation. The Gift of Life Institute, an affiliate of Gift of Life, is the international leader in organ and tissue donation education, training close to 9,000 professionals from 37 countries since 2004.

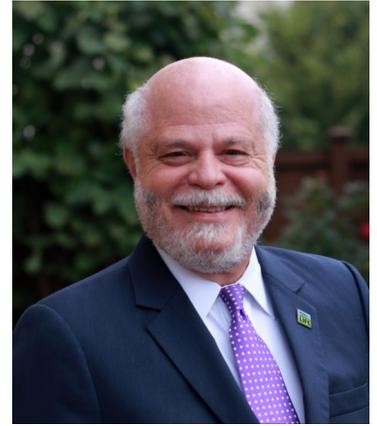
Gift of Life Institute's Transplant Pregnancy Registry International (TPR) studies post-transplant parenthood and the effects of medications on fertility and pregnancy. Since 1991, TPR has tracked more than 4,000 post-transplant pregnancies, sharing information with countless transplant recipients and their healthcare teams making family planning decisions.

With ongoing advancements in transplantation, the overall need for organ donation grows, as does the need for more registrants. Currently, in Gift of Life's region, there are approximately 5,300 men, women, and children awaiting life-saving transplants. Gift of Life encourages everyone to discuss organ donation with loved ones to make their personal preferences known.

For more information on organ donation or to register, go to www.donors1.org. It only takes 30 seconds.



A WELCOME FROM HOWARD



Dear Team Philly,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2018 Donate Life Transplant Games of America in Salt Lake City, Utah!

There is nothing like the Transplant Games!

This year, nearly 10,000 attendees are expected from across the country. Together, transplant recipients, living donors, donor families and supporters celebrate the success of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The Transplant Games honor the selfless donors and donor families who gave others a second chance at life. They provide transplant recipients with a national platform to honor their donors and show how much they can achieve. So many have overcome difficult and often devastating hurdles to get here. The Transplant Games are a testament to the perseverance, fortitude and human spirit that connect us.

Gift of Life Donor Program and Team Philadelphia have been a part of this exceptional event since its inception in 1982, when we traveled to Athens, Greece for the International Transplant Games, and I have been privileged to accompany the team for every U.S. Transplant Games since then. This year, we are over 200-strong, making us again the event's largest traveling team! Even with that spectacular history, I believe our greatest legacy is our team's spirit. Year after year, it is my privilege to meet the most amazing, special people at the Transplant Games and in my work at Gift of Life. You are all Gold Medal winners to me!

The power, pageantry, comradery and compassion of the Transplant Games proclaim a potent message: "Transplantation Works!" With the eyes of the nation upon us, we will help to raise visibility and awareness for the desperate need for more organ donors. There are 115,000 men, women and children on the waiting list and 20 people die each day waiting for an organ. We need more people to register. Help us spread the word!

I so look forward to sharing this wonderful event with you. I know we will all come home with many great memories and wonderful friendships.

Go Team Philly!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard M. Nathan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Howard M. Nathan

President and CEO, Gift of Life Donor Program
Founder and President, Gift of Life Institute
Founder and President, Gift of Life Family House

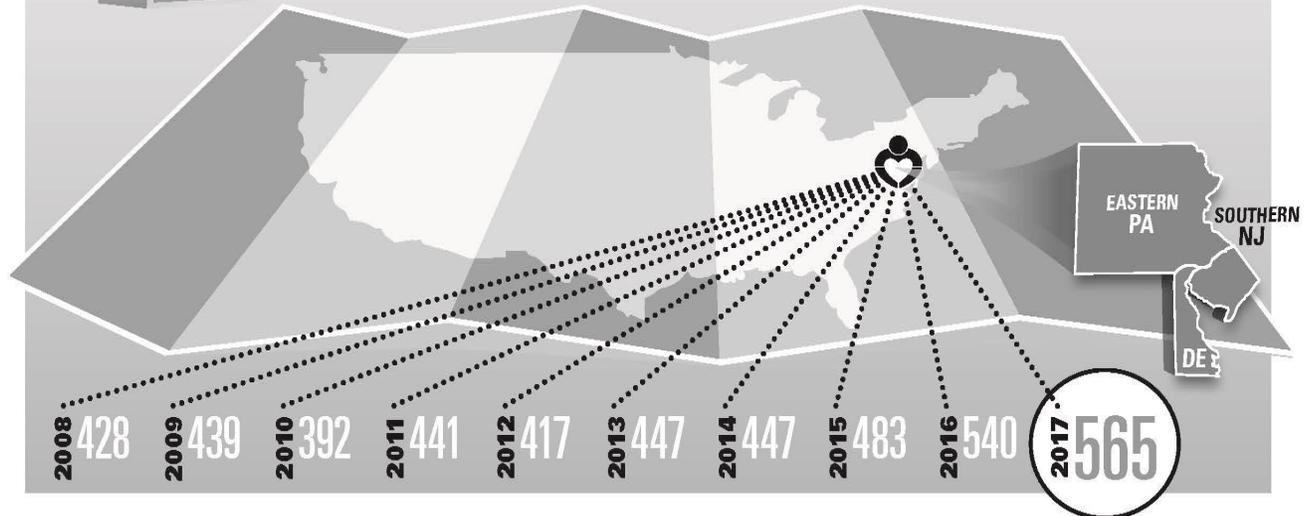


GIFT of LIFE
DONOR PROGRAM

**MOST
GENEROUS
REGION
IN U.S.**

10

**YEARS LEADING U.S.
IN ORGAN DONORS**



**ORGANS TRANSPLANTED
IN 2017**

1,546

MOST EVER IN 1 REGION / 1 YEAR

“None of this would be possible without the precious gifts from our donors and donor families. It says a lot about the people in our region that, with the support of our hospital partners, we’ve led the nation for 10 straight years. Our donors’ legacy is a testament to selflessness, hope and humanity.”

Howard M. Nathan
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President and CEO

115,000 in U.S. waiting
for a life-saving transplant.
20 people die every day.

REGISTER NOW. donors1.org

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TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS



Suzanne Ahmie

Montrose, PA

Kidney Transplant

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

November, 2002

Diagnosed at age 15 with Polycystic Kidney Disease, it wasn't until 28 years later that Suzanne would need a kidney, which she received from her brother, Bob. Suzanne refers to her kidney as Brother Bob's Bean! Suzanne has competed in 3 World Games and this will be her 6th US Games where she'll be competing in the swimming events. Suzanne is looking forward to seeing returning teammates and meeting new ones. Recipients are all winners: fortunate to be alive and able to compete - medals are a bonus. Go TEAM PHILLY!

Events: Cornhole, Swimming



Paul Albert

North Catasauqua, PA

Double Lung Recipient

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

February, 1993

It's been 25 years since Paul's donor saved his life from the ravages of Cystic Fibrosis. Paul works, volunteers and enjoys the life his donor has given him. He is thankful to his donor and his family!

Events: Golf



Barry Beard

Newport, PA

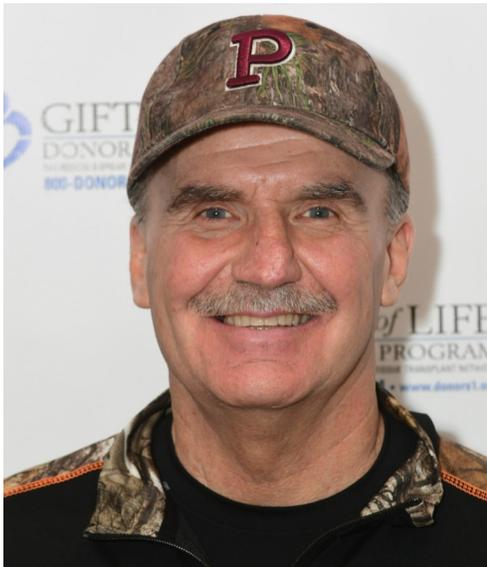
Kidney Recipient

Hershey Medical Center

June, 1999

Barry is excited to join Team Philly for his 9th games. His 2016 goal at the games was to win a medal as part of a team for the first time and he did that being a part of the Gold Medal Co Ed basketball team. Barry won several individual medals at the games but the Team medal was one of his best moments at the games. A few things he enjoys doing in his free time are running, watching sports, kayaking, and spending time with his four dogs and wife Kristen. Barry has run 13 full marathons(26.2 miles), 21 half marathons, and various other road races.

Events: 5K Run, Badminton, Basketball, Pickleball, Volleyball



Ron Boris

Auburn, PA
Heart Recipient
Hershey Medical Center
April, 2009

Ron suffered a massive heart attack in 2003 at the age of 43. He spent the next six years in and out of hospitals. He is very grateful for the support of his doctors, family and friends. Ron is competing in the games in honor of his HERO, his donor, Eddie Bates from Delaware. This will be Ron's 5th time participating in the Transplant Games of America. Ron is so very grateful for being given a Second Chance at Life!

Events: 2K, Badminton, Basketball, Darts, Volleyball



Erin Brenner

Toms River, NJ
Liver and Kidney Recipient
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
April, 2002 | July, 2015

Erin received a liver transplant as an infant. She amazed her family growing up playing softball, basketball, karate, Irish dancing, swimming all the while her kidneys continued to fail. When she was 14 she needed a kidney ASAP. Her oldest sister, Kayloni, lovingly donated, saving Erin's life. Since her kidney transplant, Erin has enjoyed her junior prom, got her driver's license and her first boyfriend. All milestones that would have never been possible had it not been for her angel donor and her loving sister. This will be Erin's 7th games.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Track & Field

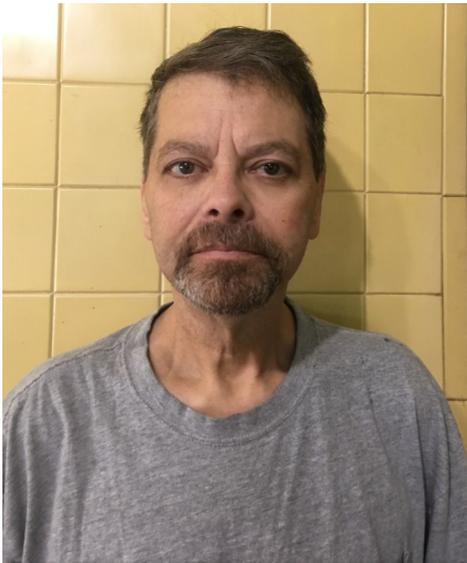


Mac Bruker

Marysville, PA
Bi-Lateral Lung
Hospital of University of Pennsylvania
September, 1999

Mac received his double lung transplant at UPenn in September 1999. Since his transplant, Mac has gotten married, bought a house and an RV, and done lots of traveling. He has also been able to attend every Transplant Games since 2000, won 3 medals so far, and looks forward to competing in many more Games.

Events: Bowling, Darts



Robert Brutts

Pottsville, PA

Kidney Recipient

University of Maryland Hospital

September, 2016

This is Robert's first time attending the Transplant Games. Good luck, Robert!

Events: Bowling, Darts, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Table Tennis



Wendell Burke

New Castle, DE

Kidney Recipient

University of Maryland Hospital

September, 2016

Wendell was on dialysis for 7 years before he finally received his transplant by the grace of God. This is Wendell's first time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Wendell!

Events: Bowling



Faith Carlin

Willow Grove, PA

Kidney and Pancreas Recipient

Albert Einstein Medical Center

July, 1992

Faith's first games were in Salt Lake City in 1996 and she's excited to be back again this time as a member of the Quarter Century Club! She will be representing the Transplant Pregnancy Registry again as well. Donors are Heroes!

Events: Track & Field, Volleyball



Rafiah Cheeks

Philadelphia, PA

Liver Recipient

St. Christopher's Hospital for Children

October, 1988

Rafiah received his liver transplant at the age of 3 years old due to biliary artresia. He was a sickly child until he received his new organ. In October 2018, he will have had his liver transplant for 30 years without any rejections.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Track & Field



LaVerne Clark

Philadelphia, PA

Heart Recipient

Temple University Hospital

December, 2003

LaVerne has been blessed with her gift for 14 years. Going from not knowing if she would see her daughter graduate college because of her bad health, LaVerne is now a grandmom of 3 beautiful grandchildren and proudly married to her husband for 31 years. They are her rocks! All she can say is "look at what God can do."

Events: Bowling, Cornhole, Darts



John Clyde

Somerset, NJ

Heart Recipient

St. Luke's Milwaukee | Hospital of University of Pennsylvania

February, 1993 | June, 2003

John received 3 incredible Gifts: 2 Hearts and Cherished Friendships in the Transplant Community!!! 25 Years Plus!!!!

Events: 2K, Swimming, Volleyball



Jason Craven

New Castle, DE

Kidney Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

October, 2004

This is Jason's second time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Jason!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field, Volleyball



Jean DelMuto

Hatfield, PA

Kidney Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

February, 2006

Jean was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease and had to go on dialysis. She was so lucky to have her nephew, Jim, donate to her. This is Jean's 1st Transplant Games. Good luck, Jean!

Events: 2K, Track & Field, Trivia Challenge



Janet Dennis

Philadelphia, PA

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

July, 2005

A virus attacked Janet's heart and put her in heart failure. With her new heart, Janet became an athlete at 50. Her athletic events are 50/100 backstroke, Shot Put, Discus, and long jump. Over her Transplant Games career, Janet has earned 45 medals.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field



Charles Devlin

Roslyn, PA

Heart | Bi-Lateral Lung

Hospital of University of Pennsylvania

April, 2003

Charles is celebrating 15 years, and many wonderful times, post transplant. He is thankful to his angel donor, Jay, and his family. Thank You to my wife, children, extended family and friends for all the love and support over the years.

Events: 5K, Bowling, Cornhole, Cycling



Taylor Dyer

Philadelphia, PA

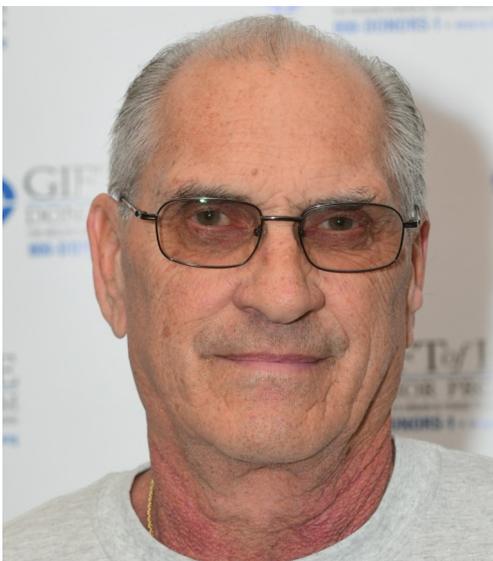
Liver Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

August, 2007

This is Taylor's third time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Taylor!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Bert Fox, Jr.

Cherry Hill, NJ

Liver Recipient | Kidney Recipient

University of Miami | Hahnemann University Hospital

May, 1995 | April, 2017

After 25 years of chronic active liver disease, Bert was lucky enough to receive a lifesaving liver transplant. Because of his donor, Narciso, whose family had said yes to organ donation, Bert has been able to see his son serve in the Navy, get married and be a PopPop to his two beautiful grandchildren. In 2016, Bert was diagnosed with kidney failure and on 4/19/17 his wife Angel gave him one of her kidneys. So this year his special "Angel" will walk into the games with Bert as part of Team Philly's living donors!

Events: Cornhole, Darts, Texas-Hold-em Poker, Volleyball



Alison Gil Alvarado

Newark, DE
Kidney Recipient
A.I. duPont Hospital for Children
September, 2015

Alison enjoys school and playing with her friends. She is a great sister to her 3 brothers and sister.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Track & Field

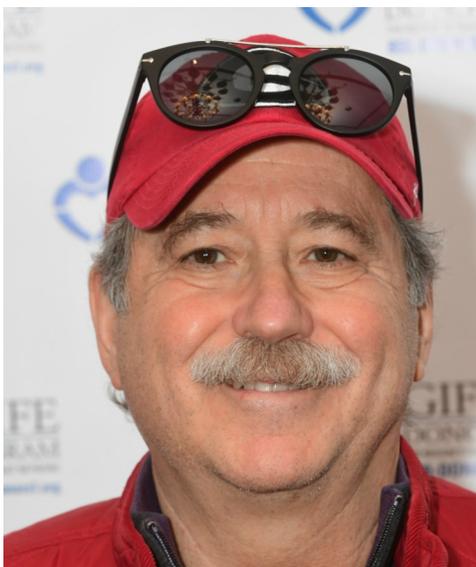


Jacqueline Gladen

Philadelphia, PA
Liver Recipient
A.I. duPont Hospital for Children
6/98, 8/00, 7/12

Jackie enjoys Anime, reading, spending time with friends and traveling. This is her second games with her first in Houston, which was a great experience. She is looking to pursue a career in Marine Biology.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Swimming, Track & Field



Robert Goodman

Westampton, NJ
Heart Recipient
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
November, 2013

Robert was diagnosed with an idiopathic auto-immune disease called Cardiac Sarcoidosis and although he was treated for it for more than a year, he ultimately required the gift of life - a new heart. He's been an athlete most of his life and did many things to prevent a heart attack, but he still needed that new heart. Robert enjoys running, hiking, walking, swimming and cycling again and is excited to be participating in the Transplant Games. As a volunteer, Robert is on the Board of Directors of OPTN/UNOS, the Board of Directors for Central/South Jersey's American Heart & Stroke Association, a volunteer at Gift of Life in Philadelphia and a member of HUP's Patient & Family Advisory Council. And, yes, he still works as a consultant in the healthcare industry.

Events: 5K, Cycling, Swimming, Track & Field



Paul Graefe

Folsom, PA
Kidney Recipient
Temple University Hospital
May, 2012

Paul received a kidney from Nicole Gladfelter, his living donor, in 2012. Since then, his health has improved significantly and he enjoys a quality of life that he had not experienced for years before his transplant. His thanks to Nicole for her gift and to the TGA for spreading the word about how important organ donation is!

Events: Trivia Challenge



Michael Hall

Elmer, NJ
Kidney Transplant
Hahnemann University Hospital
April, 2012

Michael was born with one kidney and only half of it functioned properly. His father donated his kidney, which lasted nine and a half years. Michael received his second kidney transplant on April 7, 2012. This will be his 7th trip to the Transplant Games.

Events: Bowling, Texas Hold-em Poker, Volleyball



Jayda Hamilton

Richmond, VA
Liver Recipient
A.I. duPont Hospital for Children
October, 2001 | May, 2007

Jayda Hamilton is 17 years old and will be attending her 5th Transplant Games this year. She is a recipient of two liver transplants (thank you A.I. DuPont) and is so excited to be approaching her senior year in September!!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Layla Hickey

North Wales, PA

Heart Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

April, 2008 | September, 2017

Layla, 11 years old, loves ballet, playing with Barbies and can't wait to play basketball and hangout with her friends.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



John Hughes

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Kidney Recipient

Hahnemann University Hospital

1982 | 2001 | 2006 | 2017

John has been sick since he was a child. He has been extremely blessed to have had multiple transplants and he is so happy to participate in the games to show that transplantation works! Go Team Philly!

Events: 2K, Bowling



Liana Ivanova

Glen Mills, PA

Liver Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

September, 2017

This is Liana's first time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Liana!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Table Tennis, Track & Field



Onyinyechi Kenine

Wilmington, DE

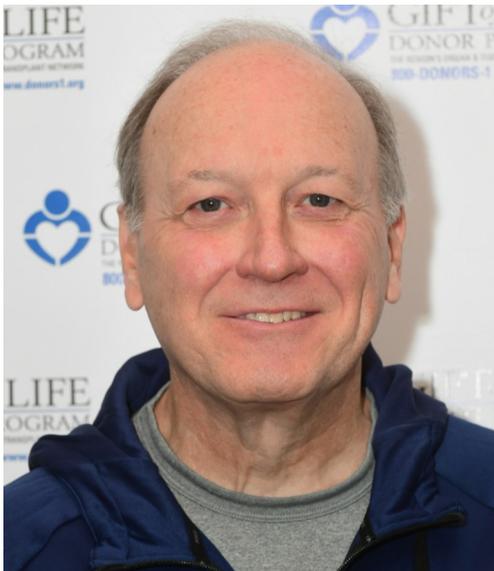
Liver Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

March, 2005

Onyi will be a freshman at Archmere Academy, in Wilmington, DE this coming August. She will be participating in basketball, bowling, darts, and track and field. This will be her fifth Transplant Games and she is looking forward to it!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Richard Kupniewski

Lansdale, PA

Heart Recipient

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

November, 2015

Richard had a family history of Cardiomyopathy. He received treatment for approximately 15 years until he needed a heart transplant at the age of 60.

Events: Cornhole, Darts, Tennis, Texas Hold-em Poker



Tyshon Lewis

Wilmington, DE

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

October, 2016

Tyshon was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in 2014. He was so fortunate to receive the gift of life in 2016. Tyshon hopes to meet his donor family one day to thank them personally.

Events: Basketball, Track & Field



Jeffrey Marsh

Hamburg, PA

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

October, 2017

Jeffrey had cardiomyopathy for years which progressed to needing transplant. Jeffrey waited 667 days on the waiting list and received his gift of life 10/19/17. God bless his donor and their family.

Events: Badminton, Bowling, Darts, Table Tennis, Volleyball



Lisa McIntosh-Harris

Pine Hill, NJ

Kidney Recipient

Hahnemann University Hospital, PA

October, 1997

Lisa is excited to attend her 2nd Transplant Games! Giving honor to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and her donor family. October will be 21 years since she had her kidney transplant and she is truly GRATEFUL! All Lisa can say is "Transplantation Works" and truly giving is a Gift!

Events: 2k, Bowling, Cornhole, Donor/Recipient Bowling



Michael Meshkov

Delaware County, PA

Kidney Recipient

Hahnemann University Hospital, PA

April, 1992

This year, Michael will join Team Philadelphia for the 13th time. He has also competed in the World Games in England. Michael received the gift of life on April 17, 1992. Ever since, April 17th has become a monumental day for him. He became engaged on the 17th and his son was born on the 17th!

Events: Basketball, Volleyball



Joan Miller

Newark, DE

Kidney Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

November, 1993

Joan returns for her 5th Transplant Games! Joan is an active Gift of Life volunteer and a member of the Delaware Volunteer Ambassadors Group. Good luck, Joan!

Events: 2K, Badminton, Bowling, Pickleball



Natalie Mirage

Oxford, PA

Kidney Recipient

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

December, 2014

At 8 years old, Natalie was diagnosed with a rare kidney disease called Good Pasture's Syndrome. After 3 years of peritoneal dialysis, shots, pills and 11 different surgeries, Natalie received the gift of life, a kidney transplant, on December 7th, 2014. Her goal is to honor her kidney donor by living a healthy lifestyle and help spread the word of the importance of organ donation.

Events: Swimming, Tennis



Carol Murone

Bear, DE

Kidney Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

February, 2007

Carol received a "perfect match" kidney 11 years ago from her donor, Emilio, from Argentina who lived in Hawaii at that time. This was the farthest HUP had ever procured a kidney. Carol is forever grateful for her family's support, her doctors and especially to her far away donor who gave her a happy, healthy and active new life.

Events: 2K, Pickleball, Track & Field



Albert Piccotti

Martins Creek, PA

Tissue Recipient

Coordinated Health, Bethlehem, PA

August, 2017

Albert had his right shoulder rotator cuff repair completed in 2000. Several injuries since then that required extensive shoulder reconstruction in August, 2017 because the rotator cuff was determined to be beyond repair. Donor graft made it possible for him to return to Ski Patrol duties, including transport of patients down hill in the rescue toboggan. Albert is once again able to enjoy fly fishing and Golf, and has recently begun taking Blacksmith classes. Albert will be forever thankful to his donor family for their unselfish gift that made this possible.

Events: 5K Run, Ballroom Dancing, Bowling, Cornhole



Victoria Piccotti

Martins Creek, PA

Cornea Recipient

St. Mary's Hospital

April, 2011 | September, 2017

First transplant was a full thickness to restore vision loss caused by infection and scarring. Second was DSEK to replace the back layer of tissue/cells. This is Victoria's first time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Victoria!

Events: 5K Run, Ballroom Dancing, Bowling, Cornhole



Anastasia Prieto

Dover, DE

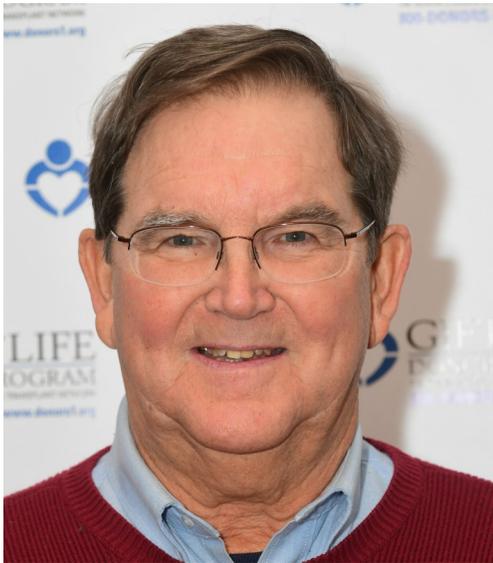
Liver Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

March, 2013

Ana enjoys walking on the beach collecting unique shells and rocks. She loves to run and play. She is very kind and always thinking of others.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Joseph Radvansky

Lansdale, PA

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

November 1996

As a heart transplant recipient, Joseph is extremely grateful and very happy to be here with his wife and family over these past 21 years. Joseph wants to thank God, his wife, Diane, and his donor family for all of their love and support. He wishes good luck and the best of health to all of his fellow Team Philly members and their families.

Events: 2K, Basketball, Cornhole, Pickleball, Tennis, Volleyball



Jennifer Ray

Conshohocken, PA

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

April, 2003

Jenn had a virus that infected her heart. As a freshman in college, she was faced with the fact that she needed a heart transplant. After a successful transplant, she graduated from Penn State and received a master's degree from Kutztown University. This will be Jenn's 7th trip to the Games!

Events: Basketball, Cornhole, Cycling, Darts, Volleyball



Trevin Ray

Conshohocken, PA

Pancreas Recipient

Indiana University Medical Center, IN

June, 2008

This will be Trevin's 2nd time competing and traveling with Team Philadelphia at the Transplant Games!

Events: Basketball, Golf, Volleyball



Sharon Reusch

New Castle County, DE
Kidney Recipient
Christiana Care Health System
August, 2013

Sharon was in stage 4 kidney failure but she received a call telling her there was a matching kidney after only ten months on dialysis. This will be Sharon's 2nd time participating in the Transplant Games.

Events: Track & Field



Jeff Richards

Glenolden, PA
Kidney Recipient
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children | Lankenau Hospital
July, 1993 | August, 2017

This will be Jeff's 11th time joining Team Philadelphia at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Jeff!

Events: Basketball, Cornhole, Lyrics for Life, Pickleball

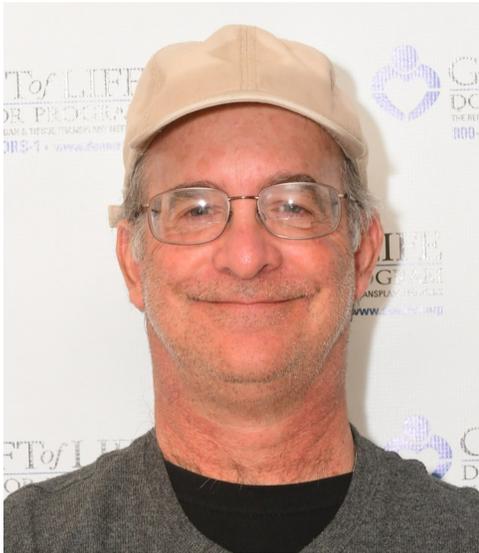


Ryan Roby

Springfield, PA
Kidney Recipient
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
March, 2001

Ryan was diagnosed with kidney failure when he was 3 and at the age of 13 his father donated his kidney to Ryan and gave him a second chance at life. Ryan can't thank his father enough for all that he went through to give Ryan this second chance.

Events: Basketball, Cornhole, Lyrics for Life, Pickleball, Volleyball



Carl Rohr

Hershey, PA

Heart Recipient

Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center

August, 1997

Carl's transplant story began in 1994 when he was diagnosed with CHF. In 1997, after several years of struggle, Carl received a heart transplant at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center on August 17, 1997. Carl's life and health have been remarkably better since then and he is very much looking forward to attending his 8th transplant games in Salt Lake City in August 2018. Carl would like to thank his donor!

Events: 2K, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Pickleball, Track & Field, Volleyball



Jessica Rojas

Pennsauken, NJ

Kidney Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

September, 2014

This is Jessica's 2nd time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Jessica!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Lloyd Saba

Dover, DE

Liver Recipient

Hospital of University of Pennsylvania

February, 2008

Lloyd can hardly believe it's been over 10 years since his lifesaving liver transplant. He is in good shape and very much looking forward to his 5th games. Lloyd would like to thank his HERO and donor, Justin.

Events: 2K, Bowling, Darts, Golf, Texas Hold-em Poker



Tariq Sabur

Philadelphia, PA

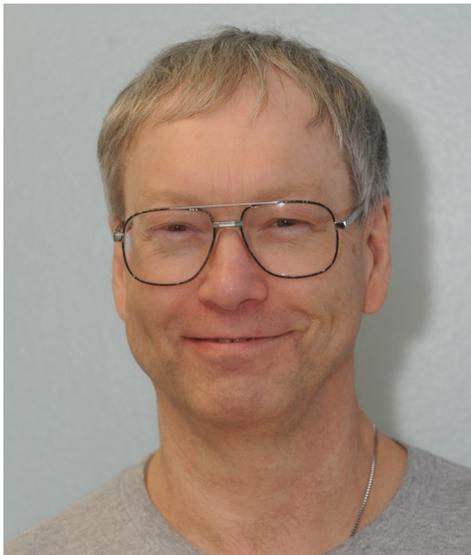
Liver Recipient

A.I. duPont Hospital for Children

June, 2014

This is Tariq's 1st time at the Transplant Games. Good luck, Tariq!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Darts, Track & Field



Cristy Schmelzle

Roaring Branch, PA

Double Lung Recipient

Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland OH

January, 2015

In 2013 Cristy was diagnosed with Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis. January 30, 2015 Cristy received lungs from his angel donor and had a triple bypass on his heart. This will be Cristy's 2nd time attending the Transplant Games of America.

Events: 5K Run, Bowling, Darts, Donor/Recipient
Bowling, Track & Field



Laura Schrack

East Norriton, PA

Bi-Lateral Lung

Hospital of University of Pennsylvania

October, 2011

Laura was diagnosed with Alpha 1 (AT-1) in 2004 and the only cure was to receive a transplant. Thankfully, she received a transplant from her hero and donor, Skyler. Laura plays in the Transplant Games to honor his gift.

Events: Bowling, Tennis



Michael Seidick

Northampton, PA

Kidney Recipient

St Christopher's Hospital, PA

July, 1978 | July, 1984

When Michael was only 8 years old, he suddenly became ill and lost his kidneys. He was on peritoneal dialysis for nine months before receiving his first transplant in July, 1978. That kidney lasted over five years before failing when he was 14. He received a second kidney in July 1984 and it has worked well since. Michael is now married with two boys and enjoys playing golf.

Events: Golf



Vince Smith

Woodbury Heights, NJ

Kidney Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

May, 2015

Vince has an awesome wife and everyone should be jealous because she's beautiful, lovely, virtuous, and she lovingly donated a kidney to him. For years, Vince watched her compete as a triathlete while he was in decline and waiting for transplant surgery. Now, with her gift of life, Vince shares in the sport and in life in the most fulfilling way.

Events: Cycling, Swimming, Track & Field



Daniel E. Snowden

Harrisburg, PA

Kidney Recipient

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

August, 1992

Daniel's kidneys never developed properly, and he needed to use a urinary drainage bag and have corrective surgeries. After nearly 5 years on dialysis (within that time, he also had a bilateral nephrectomy), he received a kidney transplant. Now, nearly 26 years later, the kidney is still working and Daniel has had a much fuller life (full-time employment, social activities and of course, the Transplant Games) - special and heartfelt thanks to the donor family who made this possible!

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Track & Field, Volleyball



Mike Snyder

Hamilton, NJ

Kidney Recipient

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

May, 2003 | September, 2007 | October, 2017

Mike was born with kidney failure and recently received his third kidney transplant. He's thrilled to be rejoining Team Philadelphia and attending his 5th Transplant Games competing in bowling, basketball, pickleball, and table tennis. Mike is grateful every day for his donors and the gift of life.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Pickleball, Table Tennis



Philip Snyder

Audubon, NJ

Liver Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

July, 2013

Philip was diagnosed with NASH disease and liver cancer in 2012. He lives every day with praise to his donor. Without his donor's generosity and the incredible staff at HUP, he would not be alive today. Let the games begin!

Events: 2K, Bowling, Darts



Bill Soloway

Yardley, PA

Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

June, 2015

Bill is excited to attend his 2nd Transplant Games of America. He is very involved in organ donor awareness. He is very thankful for his second chance at life and will be participating in honor of his donor, James, and his donor family.

Events: Badminton, Cycling, Pickleball, Volleyball



Todd Stickel

Macungie, PA

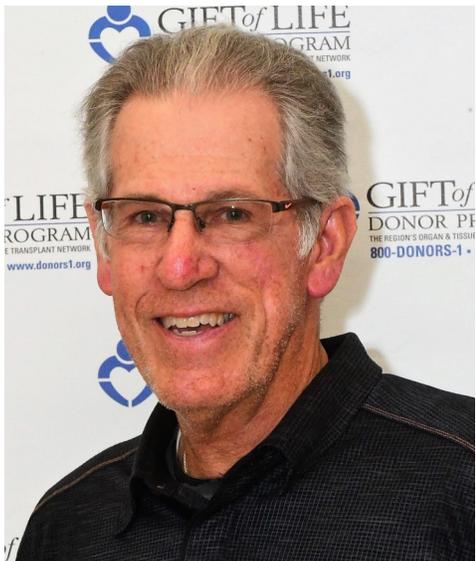
Heart Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

July, 2013

Todd is looking forward to participating in his 3rd Transplant Games. Everyday he gives thanks for the special gift he has been given and will be competing in honor of his donor Phillip. He is extremely thankful for his second chance at life and for the continued love and support of his wife and daughters. Todd will be joined at the games by his donor family who together will celebrate the life of his donor.

Events: 2K, Badminton, Cycling, Pickleball, Volleyball



Bob Supplee

Conshohocken, PA

Kidney Recipient

Lankenau Medical Center

August, 2005

In 2000 Bob was diagnosed with igA Nephropathy and learned that he would need either a transplant or go on dialysis. His youngest step-daughter, Lynda, on her own, went to her personal doctor and requested a blood type test and found out to everyone's surprise that she was not an "A" but an "O", the hero blood type, and wanted to be his donor. That gift of life took place in August 2005 and he could not be more grateful. Thanks to Lynda he will be able to attend his 6th Games.

Events: 2K, Track & Field



Kevin Tighe

Malvern, PA

Lung Recipient

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

January, 2016

Kevin was age 59 and dying from Pulmonary Fibrosis when he received his gift of life. He is grateful for the last 2 and a half years and looks forward to sharing many more with his wife and 3 sons. Thank you to his donor, her family, and all donor families.

Events: Golf, Pickleball



Cameron Whittle

Newark, DE

Cornea Recipient

Christiana Care Roxana Cannon Arsht Center, DE

June, 2014

Since childhood had vision problems. I was diagnosed with Keratoconus that caused me to have problems in school and extra curricular activities. Once I received my Cornea Transplant, I remember when I could finally see for the first time and that was such a great feeling to experience.

Events: 2K, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Track & Field



Nanci Woodson

Wilmington, DE

Kidney Recipient

Christiana Care Health System

March, 1994 | August, 2007

Nanci is a two time kidney transplant recipient. Her first transplant was from her sister and living donor, Robin Ferguson, (3/11/1994) at Temple University Hospital.

Events: 5K, Pickleball, Track & Field



LIVING DONORS



Kayloni Eilers

Lavallett, NJ

Kidney Donor

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

July, 2015

Kayloni's little sister, Erin, was born in kidney failure. As they grew up, Kayloni watched Erin handle her medical battles with such bravery. Kayloni always wished there was something she could do. When the time came that Erin needed a kidney, as her oldest sibling, Kayloni wanted to do this with all her heart because she loves her sister so much. Kayloni was finally able to do something to help her and it was the best thing she could ever do.

Events: Darts, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Track & Field



Robin Ferguson

Middletown, DE

Kidney Donor

Temple University Hospital

March, 1994

Robin is blessed to be a Living Donor to her sister Nanci Woodson 3/11/94. Robin served in USAF proudly and was willing to give her life for her country, so being her sister's keeper, she too was ready to sacrifice for her without question. Their bond and family faith in Go will always be their testimony of how the Gift of Life is His way of showing love to one another.

Events: 2K, Pickleball, Track & Field



Angel Fox

Cherry Hill, NJ

Kidney Donor

Hahnemann University Philadelphia, PA

April, 2017

Angel's husband Bert L. Fox, Jr had a liver transplant 23 years ago and in 2016 he needed a kidney. Angel said, "I'll give you one of mine" and sure enough after much testing and many tears, on 4/19/2017 she gave him a kidney. He now says, "my kidney likes him better!" Angel is a wife, Mom, MiMi and a nurse—and now, a living kidney donor !!!!



Nicole Gladfelter

State College, PA

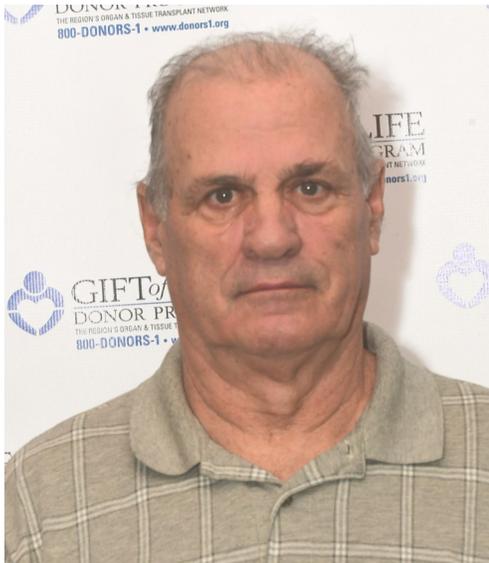
Kidney Donor

Temple University Hospital, PA

May, 2012

At the age of 23, Nicole fought to be the donor for a loving, caring father, husband, son, brother, and friend to all. Amongst all odds, Nicole was chosen as the best fit to donate a kidney to Mr. Paul. Being a living donor has been a true blessing for her and she is glad that Mr. Paul has just celebrated four years of awesome memories, and hopes that he has many more years ahead of him. This will be Nicole's 3rd time competing in the Transplant Games.

Events: Darts, Track & Field



James J. Hall Sr.

Salem County, NJ

Kidney Donor

James donated a kidney to his son, Michael. He is very glad that he was able to give his son a new life!



Steven Jennings

Eltkon, MD

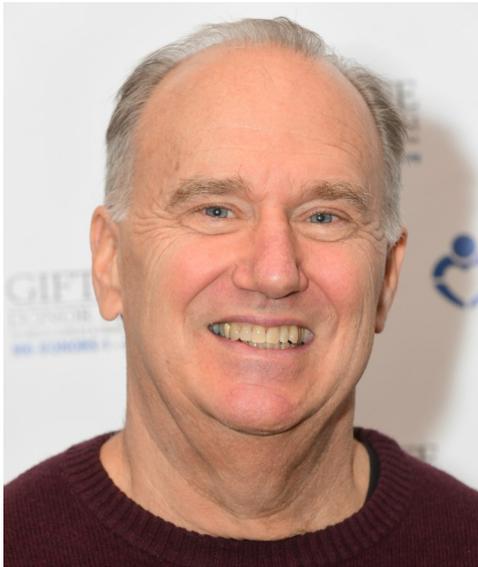
Kidney Donor

Einstein Medical Center

August, 2012

Steven donated his kidney to a coworker in 2012. Sarah and Steven "met" via Facebook after he read a story about a tough day she had during her weekly dialysis treatment. The rest is history!

Events: 5K Run, Bowling, Cycling, Darts



Jamie Kegerise

Wilmington, DE

Kidney Donor

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

April, 2016

Jamie donated one of his kidneys in 2016 to a longtime friend, Jeff Onopa, from Reading, PA. They played sports together in school, so as a 62 year old, Jamie is excited to be competing again in swimming and track events with Team Philadelphia. He is blessed to have the loving support of his wife, Claire, along with his family and friends.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field



Jim Melwert

Collegeville, PA

Kidney Donor

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, PA

February, 2006

Jim is a news reporter for KYW Newsradio. He donated a kidney to his aunt, Jean DeMuto, in 2006. It didn't slow him down a bit! Since then, Jim has competed in Ironman Lake Placid, a 10km swim in the Hudson, and dozens of other 5km swims and triathlons. Powered by her new kidney, his aunt has traveled the world from the Alps to Australia.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field



Mark Mirage

Oxford, PA

Kidney Donor

The University of Pennsylvania Health System

December 2016

Mark entered the paired donation program to help his daughter, 'Natalie, receive a kidney transplant. Natalie received her kidney from a donor family in 2014, so the pairing was never activated. Mark wanted to do his share so simply paid a kidney donation forward with an altruistic donation.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field



Mark Payson

Whitehall, PA

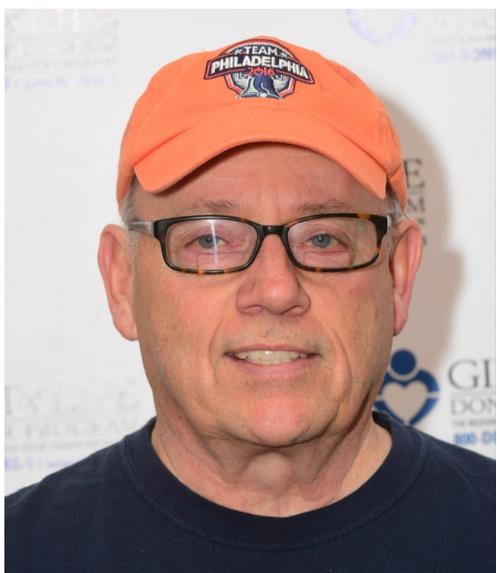
Kidney Donor

Lehigh Valley Transplant Center

November 2010

Mark donated a kidney to an anonymous recipient. He was motivated by several factors including the need in his local area, improved outcomes from living transplantation, and the opportunity to live out his faith in Jesus Christ which calls him to help others in need. Pleased to say that he's been told his recipient is a US Army Veteran who is doing very well following the transplant which came after years on dialysis.

Events: Track & Field, Trivia Challenge



Howard Pritchard

Parkside, PA

Kidney Donor

Einstein Medical Center

March 1991

Howard donated a kidney to his brother John Matthew on 3/19/1991. After being a juvenile diabetic for 31 years he passed away on 4/1/01 at age 42. Howard competes as a Living Donor Athlete in his honor.

Events: 5K Run, Track & Field



Anne Richards

Glenolden, PA

Kidney Donor

St. Christopher's Hospital

July 1993

Anne's son Jeff was born with many medical problems—one being Nephrosis. Anne gave him a kidney in 1993. It lasted 24 years. He received his second kidney in August, 2017 from his cousin and is doing great!



Colleen Smith

Woodbury Heights, NJ

Kidney Donor

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

May 2015

Colleen became a mediocre triathlete after a 20 year hiatus from sports in order to get healthy enough to be her husband's kidney donor. Now that he has received the gift of life, they train and race together. Colleen only wishes he'd slow down so she could keep up with him!

Events: Cycling, Swimming, Track & Field



Gigi Snyder

Hamilton, NJ

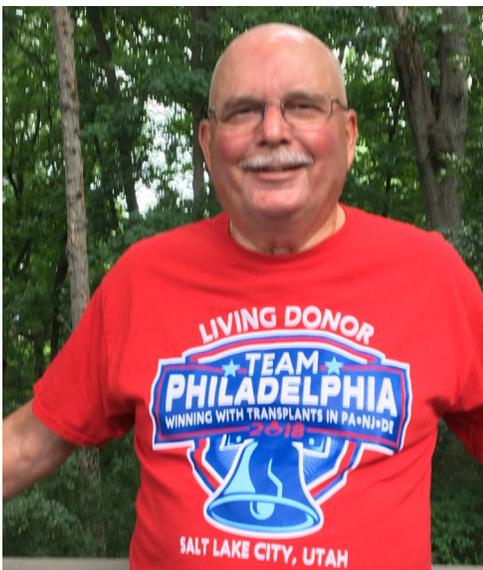
Kidney Donor

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

May 2003

Gigi is thrilled to be rejoining Team Philadelphia for her 5th Games. She was her son, Mike's, first kidney donor and says being a living donor is one of her greatest accomplishments. She encourages all who can to consider being a living donor. There is no greater gift than the gift of life.

Events: Bowling, Donor/Recipient Bowling, Pickleball



Robert Sosna

Gaithersburg, MD

Kidney Donor

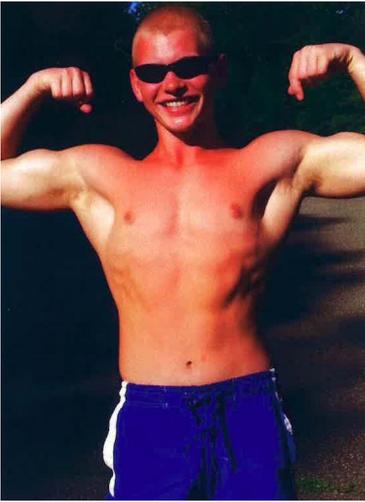
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

November 2002

Donation is one of the most loving acts a person can accomplish in a lifetime—especially when it's for their "baby" sister. Bob donated his kidney to his sister, Suzanne Ahmie, in 2002. He is very proud of Suzanne's accomplishments and her zest for life. This will be Bob's 4th time attending the Transplant Games.

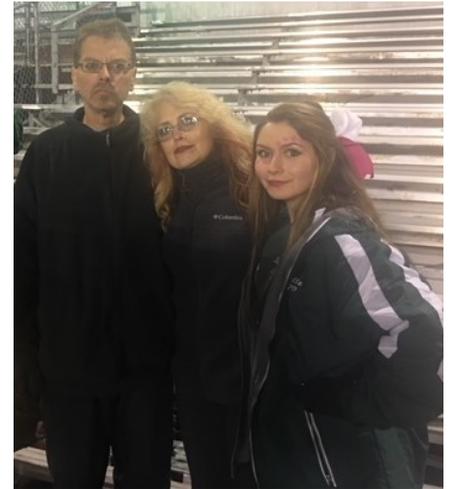


DONOR FAMILIES



*Robert, Holly and Noelle
Brutts*

**In loving memory of
Nicholas Harlan
Brutts**



August 16, 2014

At the time of Nicholas's death, only Robert and Holly knew that Robert was in kidney failure. When Gift of Life approached them about Nicholas being a donor, they asked if Robert could receive his kidney. Amazingly, Nicholas was a match for his father. Nicholas saved the life of his father but also two other organ recipients and he enhanced the lives of many more through his tissue



Diana Clark

**In loving memory of
Alexander
Clark**

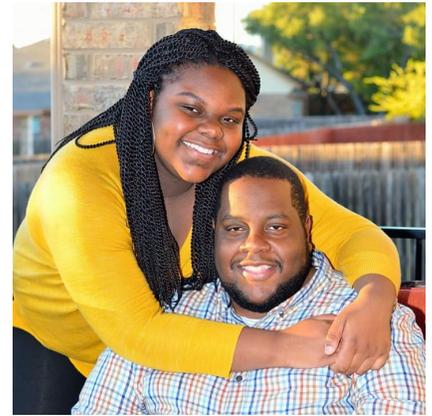


April 5, 2009

Alex was 7 years old and Diana's best bud. He was with her every weekend and brought so much joy to her life and to others as well. He was such a unique child and she misses him everyday.



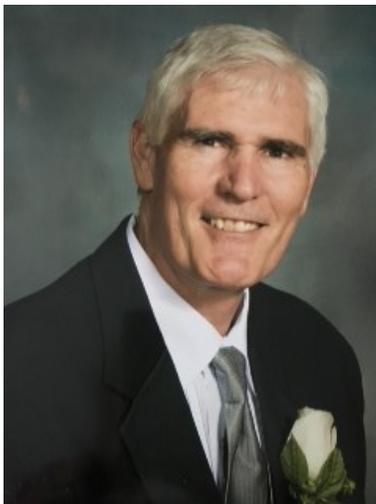
*Andre and Layla Cooper,
Christopher David
Bookman*



**In loving memory of
Channell Jones-
Cooper**

February 8, 2015

Chanell suffered with pulmonary fibrosis. But it did not rob her of living a full life. Her family loves and misses her. This is her family's first time attending the Transplant Games.



Carolyn Cottrell

**In loving memory of
Jonathan Cottrell**



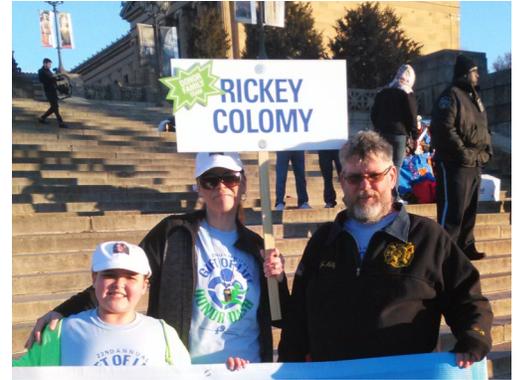
December 9, 2008

In 2008, Jon died unexpectedly from Cardio Pulmonary Arrest at 62. The family honored his wish to be a donor and he was able to donate one cornea and tissue, which was used in over 50 surgeries in 11 states. This is the second Transplant Games for Carolyn. She is looking forward to meeting both recipients and other donor families.



*John Kelly, Dawn Ortiz,
Emerson Potts*

**In loving memory of
Richard Colomy
Jr. III**



February 1, 2015

Richard chose to be a donor. His family lost him at 21 years old and honored his wishes. Through the family's tragedy they wanted something positive and giving back was simply Riskey. They continue to bring awareness for the need of organ and tissue donation. This will be their first time attending the Games.



*Pamela Deliso,
Jake Foster &
Marcin Safin*

**In loving
memory of
Savanna Elle
Dallessandro**



September 25, 2009

Savanna passed from a Grand Mal seizure and was able to donate all eight organs. As far as the family knows she was able to save three children with her gifts. This will be their first time attending the Transplant Games.



Tina DiGiacomo

**In loving memory of
Caterina
DiGiacomo**

April 30, 2002



In mid-April 2002, “Cat” was in a fatal car accident. She was admitted to Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Media. True to Cat’s spirit, she fought the diagnosis of brain death for a couple of days, slipping in and out of a coma. She was finally pronounced dead April 30, 2002. Although Tina took the loss to heart, she knew that it was Cat’s wish to be an organ donor; she donated her kidneys, liver, and heart. The heart recipient left the hospital at Temple a month after the transplant on what would have been Cat’s 21st birthday (May 20, 2002).



*Stephanie Drewitt-Jerman,
Diamond Samuels, Doreatha
Dreuitt, Niyel Dreuitt, Victoria
Dreuitt*

**In loving memory of
Cornell Da'Shev
Dreuitt**

August 23, 2014



Cornell was a tissue donor. In his honor, his family continues to talk about the importance of being an organ and tissue donor. Cornell was a loving son, father, brother and uncle. The Gift of Life helped Cornell’s family with the tragedy of Nellz’s death to know that Nellz can help someone to live or see.

Althea D. Fogle



**In loving memory of
Tiffany Marie
Sheppard-Fogle**

October 21, 2012



Althea's daughter Tiffany was a loving and compassionate young woman who was a source of inspiration to all who knew her. Althea is excited to attend her first Transplant Games and looks forward to meeting other donor family members and being part of Team Philadelphia!



Tom and Vivian Gano

**In loving memory of
Curtis Gano**

July 8, 1987



Curtis was hit and killed while riding his bicycle. His heart, kidneys, and pancreas saved four lives. His liver was used for research. His corneas went to Wills Eye and his skin went to Crozer Burn Center. His legacy is one of caring and he was a true hero.



*Brooke, David,
Deborah, Jackie
and Tyler Kelble*

**In loving
memory of
David G.
Kelble, Jr.**



December 2, 2012

David was an amazing husband, father, son and friend to everyone. David loved cars, to ski and Flyers hockey. David was able to donate his heart, both kidneys, liver as well as bone and tissue. This is the family's first time attending the Transplant Games.



Judy Keely

**In loving memory of
William A. Keely, IV**

September 11, 2004



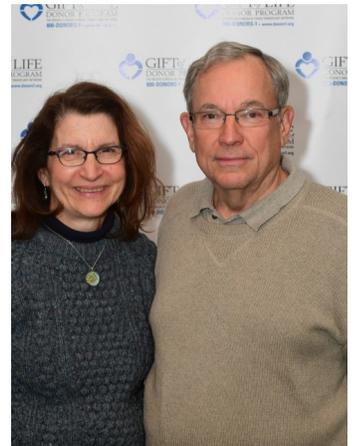
This is Judy's 2nd trip to the Transplant Games. The 1st was a life changing experience for her. Billy was a miracle baby who brought happiness to everyone who knew him. He died the way he lived, helping a friend. His generosity and caring heart gave 5 people a second chance at life and so he continues to make a difference. Billy's family is grateful for the short 23 years they had with him and are honored that they met 3 of his recipients. Billy is loved and missed everyday by his family and friends.



Dave and Liz Kennedy

**In loving memory of
David M. Kennedy, Jr.**

January 23, 1992



Dave and Liz's son, DJ, was a member of the Parkland High School varsity basketball team. He was in his first year of college and owned his own car detailing business. He was in a car accident on his way home from class and died at the scene. His tissues have been transplanted into 43 recipients.



Janice and Phillip Malone

**In loving memory of
Phillip L. Malone**

July 6, 2013



When Phillip received his driver's license, he decided to become an organ donor. In 2013 Phillip was in a tragic accident. After Phillip's donation, his family had corresponded with his recipient and at the last Transplant Games they met the gentleman that received their son's heart. They are excited to attend their second Games!



Linda McConnell

In loving memory of Ralph McConnell

March 1, 2012



Linda's husband Ralph was a tissue donor following his death in 2012. He was well known in their community for helping others so his act of donation was very

fitting. Linda enjoys speaking about her husband and her son as volunteer with Gift of Life.

In loving memory of William McConnell

May 13, 1997



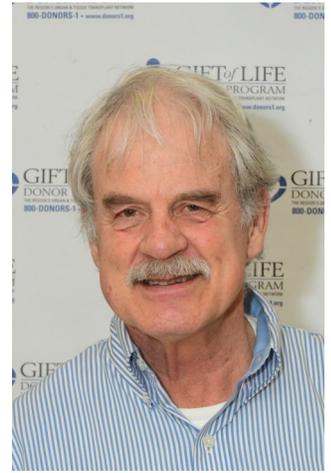
Bill died in an accident. Since he was only 21, his family never discussed organ and tissue donation. Knowing he was a generous soul, his family felt he would gladly help someone. His gifts have allowed four people to enjoy more time with their children and grandchildren. Linda will be attending the Games for her sixth time.



Sue McVey Dillon



*Matt Romano, Michael Romano
and
Janette McVey*



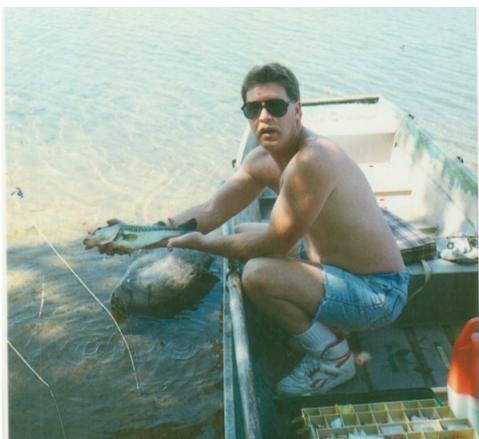
*Michael McVey
and
Julie Valenti*



In loving memory of Michael McVey

June 20, 1995

Michael suffered a non-survivable brain injury from a fall. After three days, he was removed from the respirator and became the first successful Donation after Circulatory Death donor for Gift of Life. Michael saved 5 lives by donating his liver, both of his kidneys and his two corneas. His family attends the Transplant Games because there, everyone understands each other and it is a confirmation that they made the right decision in donating Michael's organs.



*Diane Milbourne, Lisa
Mortensen, Shai Mortensen,
Linda Pratt*



In loving memory of Ed Milbourne

November 19, 1997

Twenty years ago, Diane's husband Ed became an organ and tissue donor. Ed was a great guy! He was always helping people and even after his death, he was able to help people. Ed saved the lives of 3 people from Pennsylvania by donating his liver and two kidneys.



This will be Diane's 9th time attending the Transplant Games. This year is very exciting because she is going to share this experience with Ed's sister Linda, her daughter Lisa and granddaughter Shai, who live in Arizona.



Connie and Ray Frame

In loving memory of Sherry Pettola

February 4, 2017



Connie's mom got involved with NKF back in 1970 and it came full circle in 2004 when her husband, Matt Pettola passed away and became a tissue donor. She said she wanted to do the right thing also because Connie had received her second chance at life through a bone marrow transplant. Sherry gave the gift of life after her death in February 2017.



*Carol and Beth Reinhold
and Mary Jane Mitchem*

**In loving memory of
Keith Reinhold**

December 21, 2005



Carol, Beth and Mary Jane wanted to honor Keith's wish to donate. Going to the Games, seeing the joy and stamina of those who received donations makes Keith's family proud of all those who have donated.



Aileen, Elizabeth and Sean Ryan

**In loving memory of
Philip Ryan, Jr.**

February 16, 2017



Phil was a dynamic person - the life of the party. He was an active member of their local soccer club and a respected referee. He loved his family, sports, and Springsteen. This is their first time attending the Transplant Games.



Fran and Sara Vasey
**In loving memory of
John C. Vasey Sr.**

April 18, 2010



Fran and Sara first joined Team Philadelphia in 2012, in memory of their husband/father John C. Vasey, Sr. This year will mark the 3rd Games that they will have attended. They value the time spent with other Team Philly families in support of Gift of Life.



Sandra and Tammy Wentz
**In loving memory of
Samuel Wentz**

August 20, 2010



Tammy and Sandra Wentz go to the Transplant Games in memory of their father/husband Samuel Wentz. The Wentz family chose to donate, which led to a life-changing donation of Samuel's corneas. Sandra knows firsthand how sight can change a life. She once had cataracts that made her blind, but was able to have a procedure to fix it. They take comfort in knowing that part of Samuel still lives on. Tammy wants to continue to spread awareness about donation after the Games in her church and community.



Pat Hieber

**In loving
memory of
Chris Wilson**

March 12, 1999



Pat Hieber is the mother of Chris, who died at the age of 18 in March, 1999. Chris was a giving, loving son, brother, uncle and friend. He loved to make people laugh. Because of Chris's wish to be an organ donor, Pat has found out that something good can come from tragedy. Through volunteering for the Gift of Life, she can tell his story to so many people.

Pat became the Donor Family Liaison for Team Philly in 2004. She enjoys being there for new donor families during the emotional times at the Games, so they do not feel overwhelmed and alone. Each time she attends the Transplant Games it seems like a brand new experience.



*Amaya Henderson, Markita
Lewis & Finida Camps*

**In loving memory of
Marquis Wood**

June 7, 2014



The family of Marquis is honored to be at their second Transplant Games. Marquis had an Asthma Attack at 13 years old. His family donated Marquis's organs and he was able to save three lives. He is their hero.



TRIBUTES

**Good luck,
Nicole!!!**

**Love,
Grandmom &
Grandpop Peacock**

**Wishing Nicole
Gladfelter and all the
athletes GOOD LUCK at
the Transplant Games
this year!**

**Dan, Tammy & Dan Jr.
Peacock**

**Enjoy Salt Lake City and Good Luck in
the Transplant Games, Nicole!!**

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luck in Salt Lake
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Good Luck, LaVerne Clark!



Wishing Kayloni and Erin good luck at the Transplant Games, from the team at Mueller's Bakery!

**Good Luck to Erin Brenner,
our dear granddaughter—a
two time organ recipient,
one from her loving sister
Kay and one from a sweet
angel.**

**Love you,
Nanny and Poppy**





Good Luck
Erin
&
Kay!

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your from your dentist
and staff. Hope you
have a great time. This
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celebrating. Enjoy life!!**

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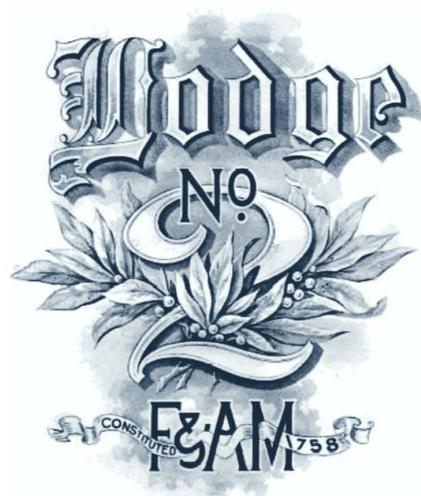
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**Alicia, Brad, Diane, Dwendy, Howard, Jan,
Janette, Jerilyn, Karen, Kelly, Lara,
Taylor, and Todd**





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Alicia Dietzmann

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Alicia has been with Gift of Life for nearly 5 years. This is her third trip to the Transplant Games. Alicia is from Marlton, NJ and currently living in Philadelphia and loving city life. In her free time, Alicia enjoys exploring Philadelphia, traveling, and planning her upcoming nuptials this fall. If she could compete in any event at the Transplant Games it would be karaoke because this girl loves to belt it out!



Todd Franzen

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Todd has been with Gift of Life for 10 years, and this will be his first time at the Transplant Games. Todd grew up in Nebraska, but has lived in Philadelphia since 2004. Todd loves to spend time and travel with his wife, two kids and dog. In his free time, he enjoys watching sporting events, especially baseball and college football. If he could compete in any event at the Transplant Games it would be darts, pool or shuffleboard. Todd is excited to watch Pickleball this year!



Jerilyn Giardina

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Jerilyn Giardina has worked for Lions Eye Bank of Delaware Valley for four years. This is her second experience with Team Philadelphia and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity. Jerilyn is a new resident in Ridley Township with her husband Nick. In her free time, Jerilyn likes to be outdoors and in the water with her high-energy rescue dog, Cody. If Jerilyn could compete in any sport it would be basketball because she played growing up and has a sweet jump shot!



Dwendy Johnson

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Dwendy has been with Gift of Life for just over 16 years. This will be her fourth time at the Transplant Games. Dwendy proudly claims York, PA—known for its York Peppermint Patties—as her home. In her free time, she likes to garden, restore old furniture and watch movies. If she could compete in any sport at the Transplant Games, she would pick lacrosse or a baking competition.



Karen Keener

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Karen is from Delaware County, PA and has worked at Gift of Life for more than 17 years. This will be her 5th time attending the Games. When she is not working, Karen loves spending time with her niece and two nephews, attending concerts, gardening, camping and going to the beach. Her favorite part of going to the Games is spending an extra week with her Camp Jeremy kids! If she could compete in any sport it would be curling.



Lara Moretti

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Lara has worked at Gift of Life Donor Program since 2003 and this will be the 6th Games she will have attended. Lara grew up in the Lehigh Valley but now resides in Delaware County, PA with her husband and two children. A random fact about her is that she has never had a cavity which has made her father (a retired oral surgeon) very proud and her younger brother (who got his first cavity in his 30s) very jealous. If she could pick any sport to compete in, it would be the floor routine in gymnastics. She has zero skill in gymnastics which is what makes it so unbelievable to watch. The athletes' strength and artistry is amazing.



Diane Ray

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Diane has had the pleasure of working at Gift of Life as an Organ Transplant Coordinator for the past 4 1/2 years. Born and raised in Lancaster County, PA, she's a newbie to Team Philly. She's excited to be part of an awesome team of courageous and giving people. In her spare time Diane enjoys traveling, her most recent travels including Ireland, Alaska and Canada. She also enjoys shopping, spending time with her friends and family and most recently working out with her personal trainer. If she could pick any sport to participate in it would most definitely be a bench press, it's her favorite and seems to be most successful exercise with her trainer.



Howard Nathan

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Howard has attended every Transplant Games since 1999, as well as attending the World Games in Greece in 2004. Howard has been with Gift of Life for 40 years and was the organization's third employee. When Howard is not traveling the world educating others about the importance of organ and tissue donation, he can be found driving his dog, Logan in the family's minivan. If Howard could compete in any event at the Transplant Games, it would be golf.



Jan Weinstock

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Jan is the VP of Administration and General Counsel for Gift of Life. She is excited to be an official Team Philly Fanatic for her 8th Games. She is actively involved in a number of community organizations and sporting events including ACS Bike-a-Thon, having just completed the 67 mile ride from the Ben Franklin Bridge to the Jersey shore. She'd vote for a triathlon at the Games and you will definitely find her cheering for the track and swimming athletes. It's the smiles on the faces of all the Games attendees that she looks forward to the most.

TEAM MANAGERS



Kelly Antczak

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Kelly has worked for Gift of Life for 5 years and this will be her 3rd trip to the Transplant Games! She was born and raised in NJ where she currently lives with her husband Mike and adorable cat Fitz. In her free time, Kelly likes to read, craft and do projects around her house. If she could compete in any event in the Transplant Games, it would be extreme napping!

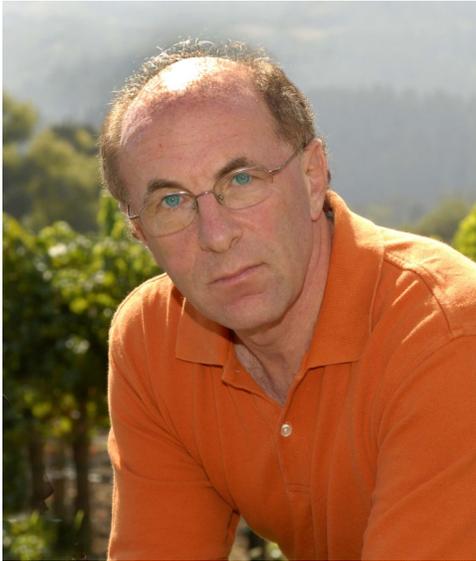


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Taylor has worked for Gift of Life for a little over a year and a half and cannot wait to attend her first Transplant Games of America. Taylor hails from Delran, New Jersey where she lives with her two roommates (Mom & Dad) and her perfect yellow lab, Lacey Feldschneider. In her spare time, Taylor loves to catch up on the latest Bravo reality shows and listen to all pop culture podcasts. Taylor is a proud graduate of Rowan University where she received her degree in Public Relations. If Taylor could participate in any Transplant Game activity it would be trivia because she has knack for knowing all sorts of random facts!

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHERS



Brad Glazier
Photographer

Brad has been the official team photographer for Team Philadelphia since the U.S. Transplant Games in 2000. Thanks, Brad!



Janette McVey
Photographer

Janette has been to every Transplant Games since 1998! As a donor sister, Team Philadelphia and the Transplant Games are very dear to her heart. Her brother, Michael McVey suffered a traumatic head injury in 1995 and donated his organs to five people. Janette is joined this year by not only her amazing, unofficial photo-assistant and fellow Games veteran, her mother, Sue Dillon, but also by her husband and son, Matt and Dylan Romano and her father Mick McVey and his wife, Julie Valenti. Janette lives in Chester County, PA and teaches high school visual art and photograph weddings and events. If she had any spare time she would practice yoga, kayak and paint more often. If she could pick any sport to compete in it would be volleyball because it's the only competitive sport she's ever willingly played!



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