

GIFT OF LIFE News



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DONOR PROGRAM
A Legacy of **HEROES**. A Future of **HOPE**.

A publication of *Gift of Life Donor Program*, the region's organ and tissue transplant network, serving the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.

April is National Donate Life Month

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES AT DONOR DASH!



Our **BIGGEST & MOST EXCITING** Dash will be the climax of *Gift of Life's* 50th anniversary commemoration

Join *Gift of Life* on Sunday, April 27 for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of our life-saving mission! Donor Dash, an event like no other, is uniquely uplifting as we honor heroic donors, highlight grateful transplant recipients, bring hope to waitlist patients and inspire even more people to sign up as a donor to save lives. Enjoy the fun and festive atmosphere, run or walk in our main events and make great memories with family and friends.

**SUNDAY,
APRIL
27**

Join the Fun!

**Philadelphia Navy Yard
10K/5K runs, 3K walk
& much more!**

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50 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

JOIN THE CELEBRATION AT DONOR DASH!



2024 Donor Dash participants

More than a quarter of a million people of all ages have taken part in the Donor Dash since its founding, and our virtual Dash has included participants in more than 30 states plus Ireland. The life-saving message of the Dash reaches millions through media and community participation each year. Proceeds supports programs and activities for donor families and transplant recipients.



Heart recipient Ashlen Moss with her donor family Katherine and Rob Kerr

2024 Donor Dash participants

Join *Gift of Life Donor Program* for the climax of our 50th anniversary commemoration at the 28th Annual Donor Dash on Sunday, April 27.

This highlight of Donate Life Month will feature more fun and excitement than ever before as we celebrate the power we all have to save lives through organ and tissue donation.

The Dash is the ultimate tribute to donor heroes and their generous families for supporters like Ashlen Moss, pictured above left with Katherine and Rob Kerr. Ashlen is alive thanks to the extraordinary gift of a new heart from the Kerr's beloved son, Jared. "I'm so grateful to be able to run in the Donor Dash in Jared's honor. He and his parents completely changed my life," said Ashlen, who is now thriving and an avid runner after being diagnosed with heart failure as a teenager.

Rob and Katherine supported a state-of-the-art donation procedure that made it possible for Jared to save three lives when he died in 2021. "To know my son's heart is helping this woman live on and have an incredible life, it keeps me going every day," Rob said.

Donor Dash will bring donor families, transplant recipients, waitlist patients, hospital partners, volunteers, and advocates together at the scenic, spacious Philadelphia Navy Yard.

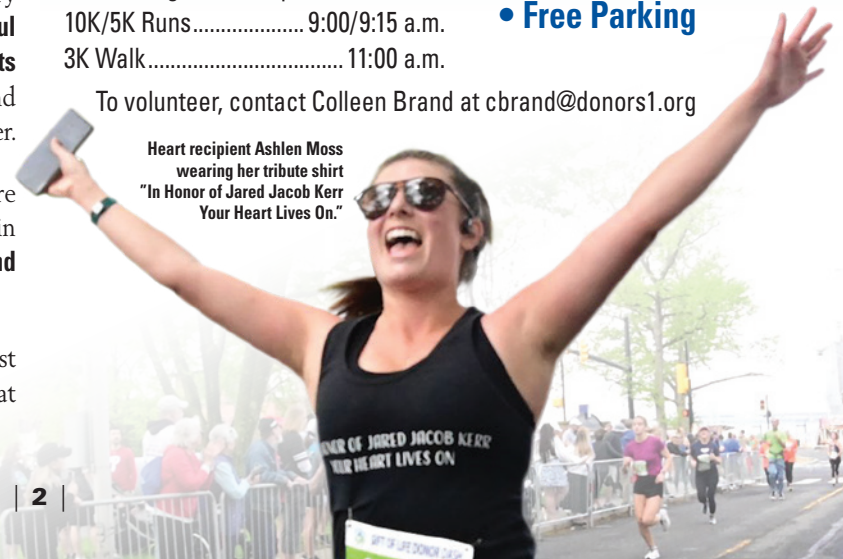


SUNDAY, APRIL 27
Philadelphia Navy Yard
Virtual Option Available

On-site Registration Opens 8:00 a.m.
10K/5K Runs 9:00/9:15 a.m.
3K Walk 11:00 a.m.

To volunteer, contact Colleen Brand at cbrand@donors1.org

Heart recipient Ashlen Moss wearing her tribute shirt "In Honor of Jared Jacob Kerr Your Heart Lives On."



REGISTER AT
DonorDash.org

- Fun for All Ages!
- Live Entertainment
- Free Health Resources
- Food Trucks
- Free Parking

50 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

MOST KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS IN U.S. 9th YEAR IN A ROW!

History of Leadership, Clinical Innovation & Strong Partnerships Continues

Gift of Life Donor Program recovered 947 kidneys for transplant – the most of any U.S. organ procurement organization (OPO) in 2024 thanks to groundbreaking clinical advances, staff dedication and expertise, strong hospital partnerships and its generous community. This brings *Gift of Life's* total number to 21,772, the most kidneys for transplant overall in U.S. history.

Marking 50 years of leading the nation in saving lives, *Gift of Life* also achieved one of the highest rates of kidney placement in the U.S., helping address the critical shortage of these most-needed organs for transplant. (See page 5 for more on kidney donation.)



"We are driven by our vision to end the transplant waitlist. For 50 years, *Gift of Life* has led the nation in saving lives through organ donation thanks to our generous community, dedicated staff and hospital partners" said Richard D. Hasz, Jr., MFS, CPTC, president and CEO. "With kidney disease increasing, our challenge and our commitment are to do more. We need everyone – hospital partners, neighbors, and community leaders – to join us so we can maximize the tremendous advancements in science and technology before us. Because despite all those advancements, it takes ordinary people and fundamental human kindness to make transplant possible. Families who say 'yes' to donation create a heroic legacy and a future of hope for generations."

2024 IMPACT

1,671 LIFE-SAVING ORGANS
664 ORGAN DONORS
1,350 MUSCULOSKELETAL DONORS
2,335 CORNEA DONORS
TOTAL ORGAN & TISSUE DONATIONS CAN BENEFIT
139,000+ PEOPLE

Gift of Life works with 124 acute care hospitals and 12 transplant centers in its region, as well as hundreds of transplant centers throughout the country, and ranks in the highest performing tier of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for donation and transplant metrics.

Since start of national system in 1988:
14,860 donor heroes
41,140 life-saving organs
2 MILLION+ tissue grafts

21,772 KIDNEYS FOR TRANSPLANT
most overall in U.S. history

CMS TIER 1
PERFORMANCE RANKING

LEADER IN INNOVATION –
hand, face, uterine & xenotransplantation,
DCD & NRP donation

Supports **MOST TRANSPLANT CENTERS** across U.S., partners with
124 ACUTE CARE HOSPITALS

LARGEST ARRAY OF SERVICES
to U.S. donation & transplantation community

See our complete 2024 results: donors1.org/2024release

HELP SAVE LIVES TODAY!

Honor *Gift of Life's* 50 years of saving lives by helping sign up **50,000 more organ donors. Go to donors1.org/register** or scan the code and share it with others. It's fast, easy and private. Your legacy will live on!



Temple Health Honored with Gift of Life Award

Gift of Life Donor Program and the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) Southeast Connect honored Temple Health with the 2024 Gift of Life Award in recognition of its outstanding commitment to organ donation.

“Temple University Hospital has consistently been a leading force for life-saving organ donation in the Philadelphia region thanks to its strong culture of donation and excellent working partnership with *Gift of Life*. Donation is supported at all levels of the organization and championed by Temple’s Organ Donation Council, which promotes clinical best practices,” said Rick Hasz, president and CEO, *Gift of Life Donor Program*. “This award recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Temple team who go above and beyond the call of duty every day, providing the opportunity for donation to families. They provide compassionate support and help create lasting legacies for donor heroes.”

“This recognition is a testament to the dedication of so many staff members at Temple University Hospital and the hard work that goes on behind-the-scenes to support organ donation and transplantation,” said Abhinav Rastogi, MBA, MIS, Executive Vice President, Temple University Health System and president and CEO, Temple University Hospital. “This honor would also not be possible without the close collaboration of the

Gift of Life Donor Program and the selfless generosity of donors and their families, who choose to give the gift of life to recipients in need.”

Gift of Life also recognized the following 16 Pennsylvania hospitals that achieved a 100 percent patient referral rate:

- Bryn Mawr Hospital
- Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Doylestown Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Jefferson Abington Hospital
- Jefferson Einstein Montgomery Hospital
- Jefferson Frankford Hospital
- Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
- Nazareth Hospital
- Paoli Hospital
- Penn Presbyterian Hospital
- Pottstown Hospital
- St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
- St. Mary Medical Center
- Temple University Hospital
- Temple University Hospital – Jeanes Campus



Gift of Life Chief Clinical Officer Christine Radolovic, MS, BSN, RN and Temple Health Associate Vice President of Nursing Joe DiMartino, MSN, RN

ADVOCATES IN ACTION

Honoring Champions of Donation

Gift of Life and our hospital partners share a powerful joint mission to save lives through organ donation. As we honor *Gift of Life’s* 50 years of service, we have launched a new recognition program to celebrate the most dedicated “Advocates in Action” nominated by our healthcare

partners. We gratefully recognize these champions for their extraordinary support and commitment to building a strong culture of donation.

Read more and see additional advocates at donors1.org/advocates



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| Deborah Artley, RN
Cardiac ICU Nurse,
Geisinger Medical Center | Brette Barrish, RN
Einstein Medical Center | Lynn Burcaw-Miles, RN
Adjunct Instructor,
Drexel, HAP Chair,
St. Christopher’s Hospital
for Children | John Chandler, MD
Neuro ICU Medical Director,
Penn Presbyterian
Medical Center | Chris Costello, RN, ICU
ICU Nurse, Jefferson
Torresdale Hospital | Lisa Day, RN
Beebe Healthcare | Joe DiMartino, MSN, RN
Associate Vice President
of Nursing, Temple
University Hospital | Hannah Egnaczyk, BSN,
RN, CEN
Emergency Department
Nurse, Thomas Jefferson
University Hospital |
| Elaina Kurtz, RN
ICU/NSICU Director,
Crozer-Chester Medical
Center | Jeff Lange, MPA
Administrator, Delaware
County Office
of the Medical Examiner | Heidi Seiberlich, MPA
Director of Emergency
Critical Care Services,
Jefferson Abington Hospital | Liz Serratore, BSN, RN
MICU Clinical Education
Specialist, St. Luke’s
University Hospital –
Bethlehem Campus | Jordyn Shoemaker, RN
Pottstown Hospital | Kevin Showlin, RN, MBA
Trauma Program Manager,
York Hospital | Adam Stone, RN
Inspira Health | Heidi Weeder, RN,
CCRN, EMT
Senior Clinician, Intensive
Care Unit,
UPMC Williamsport |

50 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES

MEETING THE URGENT NEED FOR KIDNEYS

21,772 LIFE-SAVING ORGANS

Gift of Life has coordinated 21,772 kidney transplants – the most overall in U.S. history thanks to donor heroes and their generous families. Our leadership in kidney donation continues 50 years of embracing groundbreaking clinical protocols and advancing best practices to provide these most-needed organs for transplant. Focused strategies to maximize the quantity and quality of kidneys for transplant include:

- Advancing state-of-the-art organ recovery preservation technologies that allow more organs to be transplanted
- Using machine perfusion (pumping) to keep organs healthy and able to be transported greater distances after they are recovered
- Specializing in efficient organ matching as our kidney placement experts work with transplant centers throughout the Mid-Atlantic to get as many patients transplanted as possible
- Supporting organ placement, preservation and transportation services for kidneys from outside *Gift of Life’s* region

KIDNEY PATIENTS: Hoping for a Donor



REGGIE RICE Kidney Waitlist Patient
“My hope is to receive my gift of life and be here for my wife and our children. The waiting process has been an emotional rollercoaster, but I’m determined to keep fighting. With a new kidney, I’ll get life back. I’ll be alive to see my daughter become a pediatrician, and maybe even have a shot at beating my son on the basketball court. That last part is highly unlikely, but it gives me something to strive for! I’m holding out hope for the generosity of a donor.”

I’m So Thankful



JULIAN HARMON Kidney Recipient
Perioperative Services Assistant, Temple University Health

“I appreciate my donor hero because their gift gave me a second chance at life. It gave me a fighting chance. My family is much happier now, especially my mom who has been by my side throughout this entire process. She was at every doctor’s appointment. I’m so thankful because I had times where I wasn’t sure if I would receive my transplant. I pray for my donor and their family.”

ARE YOU AT RISK FOR KIDNEY DISEASE?

Kidney disease is a major public health concern with one in three adults at risk in the U.S. There are usually no noticeable symptoms in early kidney disease, which often goes undetected until it is very advanced, requiring dialysis or a life-saving transplant, according to the National Kidney Foundation. The need for kidney transplants is especially high in multicultural communities.

Healthy kidneys are key to removing waste, balancing fluids and minerals, controlling blood pressure and helping to make red blood cells as they filter more than 50 gallons of your blood every day. Regular testing for everyone is advised, but it is especially important for people at risk.

Take a one-minute quiz at MinuteForYourKidneys.org

Especially for Transplant Kids

Summer FUN and Friendship

Transplant recipients ages five to 16 and their siblings are invited to a week of summer fun at *Gift of Life’s* Camp Jeremy from August 18-22.

This annual summer day camp features swimming, games, crafts and making new friends at beautiful Camp Shelly Ridge in Lafayette Hill, Pa. Free transportation is provided from *Gift of Life’s* main office in Philadelphia and from Nemours Children’s Hospital in Wilmington, Del.



Camp Jeremy is held in memory of heart recipient and former camp counselor Jeremy Clemens. For more information, contact Karen Keener at kkeener@donors1.org or 267-421-7485.



UPDATE

HEART OF THE HOUSE

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN

This spring you can help make kitchen improvements that will enhance accessibility and efficiency, enabling Gift of Life Howie's House to better accommodate its growing occupancy.

In the nearly 15 years since opening, the kitchen at the House has been both the cornerstone of the mission and the heart of the House.

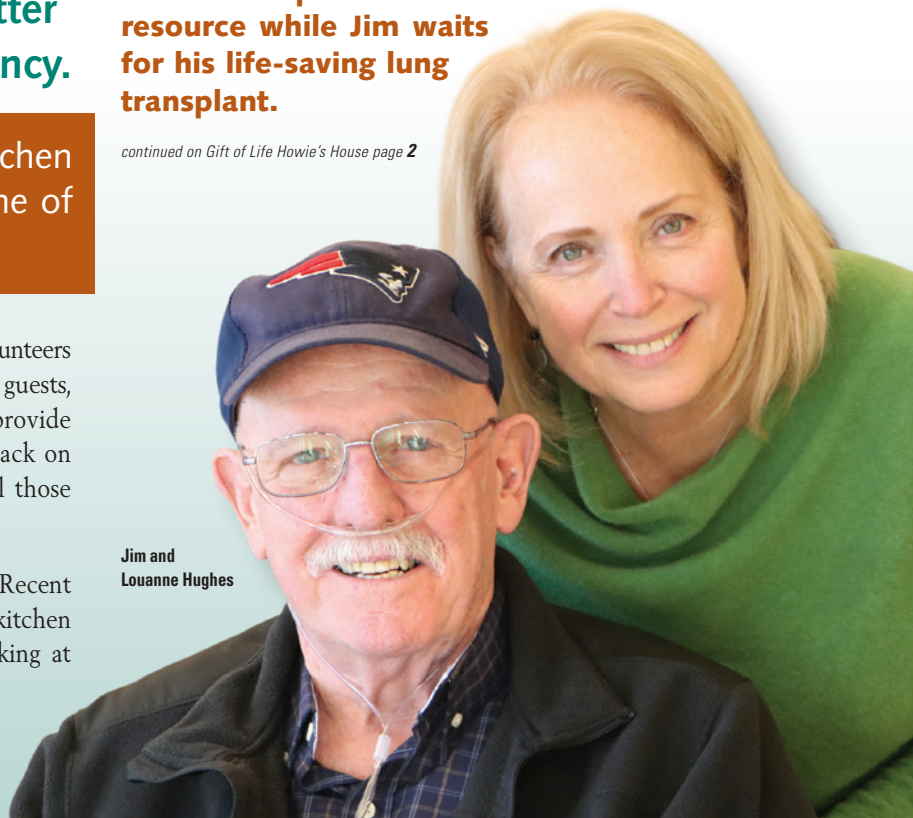
It has been the center of over 400,000 meals prepared by volunteers and a space for caregivers to cook for their loved ones. Staff, guests, and volunteers come together here to share stories and provide support. Whether baking delicious treats or grabbing a snack on the go, the kitchen has served as a hub of comfort for all those who walk through the doors.

After 15 years of use, this beloved space is showing its age. Recent increased occupancy means that more families rely on the kitchen daily. It also means Home Cook Hero volunteers are cooking at higher volumes than ever before.

To address this, the House will be undergoing a kitchen renovation this year – but it cannot be done without your help. \$150,000 needs to be raised to ensure that the kitchen remains a functional and efficient space for years to come.

For couples like Jim and Louanne Hughes, the kitchen provides an invaluable resource while Jim waits for his life-saving lung transplant.

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Jim and Louanne Hughes

When Jim was diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) in 2023, it came as a shock to him and his family. He was immediately placed on oxygen and told he would need a lung transplant to survive.

Jim and his wife, Louanne, traveled to Philadelphia after local transplant centers in the Boston area turned him down due to his complex medical condition. He was listed for a lung transplant in November of last year and has been staying at the House ever since.

The couple says the House instantly felt like home. "It's like moving back to the neighborhood you grew up in – the people here are so warm and friendly. It's really a huge benefit for the psyche and for your own rehabilitation," Jim explains.

Due to Jim's condition and a recent diabetes diagnosis, the kitchen at the House has been crucial for Louanne to prepare healthy meals tailored to his needs.

"I can create a diet for him in the kitchen that meets his needs, and that's truly priceless," says Louanne. A talented cook, Louanne depends on the kitchen, cubbies, and her personal fridge space to prepare nearly every meal for both of them.

As Jim's mobility is limited, the convenience of the kitchen has made all the difference on his journey.

"I can't get around, and I can't go to a restaurant. If we were in a hotel room without access to the facilities here, our lifestyle would be completely different," Jim explains.

An updated kitchen will make it easier for Louanne and Jim to navigate the space, allowing them to spend less time cooking and more time focusing on what matters most: Jim's care.

"[The kitchen] makes it so I don't even have to worry about that component, it gives me more time to do other things that I have to do as a caregiver," Louanne says.

Jim and Louanne also value the knowledge and services they've received at the House, which have been vital as they navigate this challenging journey. The couple, who recently celebrated their 41st anniversary, remain hopeful and eager to return home to spend time with their three children and five grandchildren.

Louanne Hughes



Jim and Solange Healy with their children and grandchildren

Like the Hughes family, past guests Jim Healy and his wife Solange also benefitted from the House kitchen during their stay for his life-saving lung transplant.

Before arriving at the House, Jim's journey was filled with many challenges.

Jim's negative reaction to medication following a knee replacement in 2019 led to him developing pulmonary fibrosis. His worsening condition brought him to Philadelphia to be evaluated for a lung transplant. During that process, the tests revealed he had colorectal cancer, requiring treatment and a period of remission. Jim received treatment for his cancer and was listed for a lung transplant in 2024, 5 years after his initial diagnosis.

In August of last year, Jim received the call he waited so long for. Unfortunately, his surgery came with severe complications, leaving him hospitalized for nearly 80 days, 65 of which he spent completely immobile.

In October, Jim and Solange left the hospital and came to stay at the House.

"It was wonderful... the House was the perfect transition from the hospital. There were so many people who had lung transplants that I could trade stories with and learn from," he shares.

"The fact that my wife didn't have to worry about planning meals and running to the supermarket every day was incredibly helpful for her spirits and her time, and therefore my recovery," explains Jim. He continues, "She was so busy managing everything. It was so nice to come back from the hospital and be able to relax and then go down for dinner."

Having access to the kitchen and meals prepared by volunteers made a huge difference during their stay.

Jim has traveled and lived all over the world – with home bases in Brazil, Mexico, the US – and says that post-transplant he is looking forward to slowing down and spending time with his wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

HEART OF THE HOUSE RENOVIATION CAMPAIGN

Home Cook Hero volunteers work tirelessly in the kitchen to provide meals each night for families like Jim's. With increased occupancy, more guests are using the kitchen daily, and volunteers are often cooking for over 60 people a night. A kitchen update will make their job easier and more efficient, allowing for more comforting meals and a more enjoyable cooking experience.

THIS SPRING you can help make kitchen improvements that will enhance accessibility and efficiency, enabling the House to better accommodate its growing occupancy.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution today to help reach us reach our goal of \$150,000 to complete this important renovation project. Gifts of all sizes are needed and appreciated. For your convenience, you can use the enclosed envelope or donate online at [GiftofLifeHowiesHouse.org](https://www.GiftofLifeHowiesHouse.org).

SCAN HERE to make your gift today.



Jim and Solange Healy

The fundraising campaign is being held to help update both the kitchen and the coffee bar, including the addition of new:

- Countertops
- Cabinets/Storage
- Updated lighting
- Backsplash
- Fresh paint

House guests like the Healy and Hughes families, as well as the hundreds of Home Cook Hero volunteers each year, will rely on these improvements for years to come.

Your support will make a lasting impact, providing families with comfort and relief during the most challenging times of their lives.

Introducing the Gift of Life YOUNG FRIENDS PROGRAM!

Gift of Life is thrilled to announce the launch of the new Young Friends Program!

The Young Friends Program is a philanthropic group of dynamic, career-driven individuals who are passionate about supporting the mission of Gift of Life. Members will have the opportunity to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation and raise funds for Gift of Life Howie's House through a variety of charitable, social, and educational activities.

Gift of Life is seeking motivated individuals between the ages of 21-35 who are eager to get more involved in the Gift of Life community while expanding their personal and professional networks.

If this sounds like an exciting opportunity for you, scan the QR here or contact Abby Wells at awells@giftoflifehowieshouse.org to learn more!





MAJOR MILESTONE ALERT!

John Schmid and his Home Cook Hero volunteer group, Friends of Bear, have become familiar and beloved faces at Gift of Life Howie's House. Group leader John, affectionately known as "Bear", has been volunteering to cook in the House kitchen since 2018. Over time, he involved his family and friends, and together they have grown into a prolific Home Cook Hero All-Star group.

IN DECEMBER, JOHN AND THE FRIENDS OF BEAR CELEBRATED AN INCREDIBLE MILESTONE: THEIR 100TH VISIT TO COOK IN THE HOUSE KITCHEN! This achievement is a testament to the generosity, dedication, and passion that John and his group have shown in serving transplant families.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU from Gift of Life Howie's House!

Gift of Life Howie's House extends its deepest gratitude to all the amazing supporters of the **GIVING TUESDAY** campaign! Thanks to their generosity, the House is thrilled to announce that it exceeded its Giving Tuesday goal of \$80,000, RAISING AN INCREDIBLE \$104,795 IN TOTAL!

This remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and support of the community. Whether through donations or hosting fundraisers, every effort has made a profound difference. The funds raised will directly support transplant patients and their families, helping them stay at the House during the holidays and throughout the year.

A special thank you goes to the Foxwynd Foundation, funded by their donor-advised fund, for their matching gift partnership. Their support helped double the impact, making this record-breaking success possible.

Contributions from the community are truly changing lives and Gift of Life Howie's House is deeply thankful for the kindness and commitment shown. The House is grateful to have such a supportive community as part of its extended family.



CAREGIVER LIFELINE PROGRAM Spotlight

by Talia Giordano, LCSW
Director,
Family Services and Caregiver Lifeline

Maintaining Healthy Relationships as a Transplant Caregiver

When caring for a loved one undergoing a transplant, it's essential to preserve your prior relationship. Taking on the role of a caregiver does not erase your original role as a spouse, parent, child or friend. Maintaining balance is key to avoiding the loss of your own identity.

Here are key strategies:

- 1. Set Boundaries:** Clearly define what you can and cannot do as a transplant caregiver. Communicate your limits and seek help with tasks that cause stress, such as managing complex medical needs or providing emotional support during recovery. Setting boundaries can help prevent resentment and burnout.
- 2. Create a Transplant Care Plan:** Use a journal to organize caregiving tasks and appointments related to the transplant. Record medication schedules, doctor visits, and transplant care needs, especially post-transplant. This will help you identify when assistance is needed, schedule personal time, and manage responsibilities more effectively.
- 3. Take Personal Time:** Prioritize activities that bring you joy to maintain your well-being. Regular self-care is crucial for sustaining the stamina and emotional resilience required for transplant caregiving.
- 4. Nurture Relationships:** Set aside time away from caregiving to strengthen your bond, such as a date night with your spouse, quality time with your child, or meaningful conversations with a parent. Engage in activities that reinforce your original connection and maintain a sense of closeness.

5. Ask for Help: Don't hesitate to seek support from family, friends, or professionals such as transplant social workers or counselors. Take advantage of respite care from loved ones or in-home nursing aides to ease the demands of transplant caregiving and ensure you receive the emotional support you need.

By preserving the core of your relationship and establishing clear boundaries, transplant caregiving can become a fulfilling experience rather than an overwhelming one.

Challenges for Transplant Caregivers in Different Relationships

As a Spouse:

- Caregiving for a transplant patient can blur roles and create stress. To maintain intimacy and partnership, schedule "couple time" and ensure caregiving doesn't dominate your interactions. Seek professional support for emotional guidance when needed, particularly if medical tasks or recovery begin to strain the relationship.

As a Parent:

- Balancing caregiving for a child undergoing a transplant can be overwhelming. Encourage children to participate in age-appropriate activities to maintain a sense of normalcy. Involve them in decisions about their care to empower and reassure them throughout the process.

As a Son/Daughter:

- Caring for aging parents after a transplant can be emotionally taxing. Work together to meet their daily needs while preserving their independence. Utilize transplant resources for financial and emotional support, and collaborate with healthcare providers to manage post-transplant care effectively.

As a Friend:

- Caregiving for a friend undergoing a transplant can be challenging without familial authority. Maintain boundaries and remember to nurture the friendship beyond caregiving duties. Offer both practical and emotional support while respecting their autonomy.

To talk with a social worker about resources and support around maintaining healthy relationships as a transplant caregiver, please reach out to Talia Giordano, LCSW at caregiverlifeline@giftoflifehowieshouse.org

The Caregiver Lifeline Program is supported in part by TD Charitable Foundation. We are thankful for their partnership and generosity.



Strokes of KINDNESS

ART CONTEST & FUNDRAISER

VOTE TODAY FOR YOUR FAVORITE ARTWORK!

Check out the virtual art gallery and cast your vote in the Gift of Life Howie's House's 2nd annual Strokes of Kindness Art Contest & Fundraiser. Each gift of \$5 will count for 1 vote. The artist with the most votes at the end of the voting period (April 30, 2025) will win the contest. No limit on votes. All proceeds will benefit

the Adopt-A-Family Program to continue providing transplant families with an affordable home away from home during the transplant journey.

SCAN HERE to view art work submissions and to cast your vote!



NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH FREEWILL

Create a will online for free!



Gift of Life Howie's House is excited to announce a new partnership with FreeWill, an innovative platform that helps individuals create legally valid wills online, free of charge.

Through this partnership, FreeWill's user-friendly platform also allows individuals to include charitable gifts in their wills, ensuring their legacy will help sustain the mission of Gift of Life Howie's House. Together, we are excited to offer the community new opportunities for planning, giving, and supporting the ongoing work of Gift of Life Howie's House.

This collaboration aims to provide House supporters with an easy and meaningful way to plan their future while also making a lasting impact on the lives of others.

For more information visit GiftofLifeHowiesHouse.org, call 267-546-9800 or scan the QR code.



Support Gift of Life Howie's House by DONATING YOUR UNWANTED VEHICLE, RV, BOAT, OR MORE!

Arrange a free pick-up, then all the paperwork will be handled for you – and you may even qualify for a tax-deduction. It's an easy way to support the mission.



Pat and Deb McGinley recently donated their 2000 Volkswagen Beetle to support Gift of Life Howie's House! Pat and Deb are past guests of the House who have stayed multiple times during Pat's transplant journey. Pat received a life-saving kidney transplant in April of 2022 and has utilized the House to stay close to Philadelphia for his pre and post transplant appointments.

"Being a transplant recipient, we found out about the House and were so impressed by the hospitality, we've never met an unkind person here... I had a car that I wanted to donate, and the opportunity came up to donate it to the House and I saw it as an easy way to help where I can," Pat said.

Scan the QR code or visit GiftofLifeHowiesHouse.org to begin the donation process.



Thank You to our generous partners in supporting transplant families

Contributions of \$250 or more received between JULY–DECEMBER 2024

Founders' Circle (GIFTS OF \$10,000+)

New members who have made a gift of \$10,000 or more
Anonymous
Foxwynd Foundation, made possible through their Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
Estate of Louise Waters Barbareta
Phillies Charities, Inc.
Round Room Gives, Inc dba TCC

Current members who have made renewed gifts of \$10,000 or more

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Armstrong Foundation
James and Paula Duva
Gervato Family Foundation
The Gitlin Family Foundation
Betsy and Robert Horen
Jean Jones
Howard and Liz Nathan
Penney Girls Foundation
Organ Recovery Systems
The Raymond Family
Temple University Health System
TD Charitable Foundation
Transplant Alliance Foundation, Inc.
Wawa Foundation

2024 Family Circle (GIFTS OF \$250+)

to support the annual fund

HONOR IN PLATINUM (\$5,000+)

Anonymous
Anonymous in memory of John Moretto
Arthur J Gallagher Foundation
Larry and Diane Beard
Margaret and Michael Belfield
Event Transport Solutions
Chris and Lynn Fallon
Annetta Good
Daniel Koch – J Bradley Capital
Lease Direct / DLL
Morton and Carmel Levine
Anthony and Barbara Paul
David A. Pierson, PhD
Puglisi / Barley Families
Ann M. Robinson
Sam's Spirit Inc.
Sovereign Insurance Group
Nancy and Gordon St. John
Susan Stevens
Thomas and Kathleen Subranni
William and Lorna Wohl
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Yanick

HOPE IN GOLD (\$2,500+)

Suzanne Decker Walton and John Walton
Fox & Roach Charities
Lauren's Foundation
Amanda Gibbs
Masonic Blood and Organ Donor Club
Cary Moritz, Esq. and Michael Moritz, MD

Perseverance Encampment
No. 135 I.O.O.F.
Michael and Rosemary Rose
Scott and Vickie Sayles
John and Brenda Scanelli
State Metal Industries, INC.
The Scholler Foundation
TRIO Philadelphia
Jan L. Weinstock, Esq.

CARE IN SILVER (\$1,000+)

AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies
Anonymous
Merrill and Phyllis Anders
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Raymond and Maria Aviles
Christine Barkdoll
Debjani and Satya Bhoumik
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Jennifer Byrne
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Construction and General Laborers' Union Local 172
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Amy Matey
Burton and Patti Mattice
Mary McAllister
William and Sharon McKee
Michael McVey
Kevin C. Parham
The Marjorie M. and Irvin Nat Pincus Fund
Andrea and Sean Reynolds
Kim Robbins
Michael and Rosemary Rose
Velma Scantlebury, MD
Richard Sheidy
Bonnie and Harris Sklar
Jay and Pat Souder
Volunteers of the SSUMC
Community Thrift Store
J. Kate Stickle and Brad Baldus

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