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Team  
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4<sup>th</sup> Team  
Meeting



*See what others can't envision.*

**JUNE 18-23, 2026**

[transplantgamesofamerica.org](https://transplantgamesofamerica.org)

**2026**  
*Transplant  
Games of  
America*

# Agenda



Gift of Life Staff, Mission, Media, and Oath



Registration & Medical Waivers



Waitlists and Partner Sports



Team Philadelphia Events & Opening Ceremonies Update



Competitions, Venue Updates



Event Locations, Travel & Hotel Block



Team Yearbook, Team Uniforms, & Sport Captains



Next Steps & Due Dates

# Team Philadelphia Lead Staff



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Relations



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Relations  
Coordinator



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# Team Philadelphia Staff



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Coordinator



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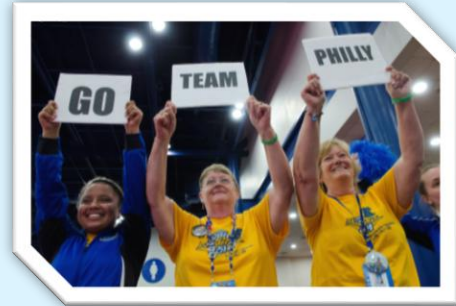
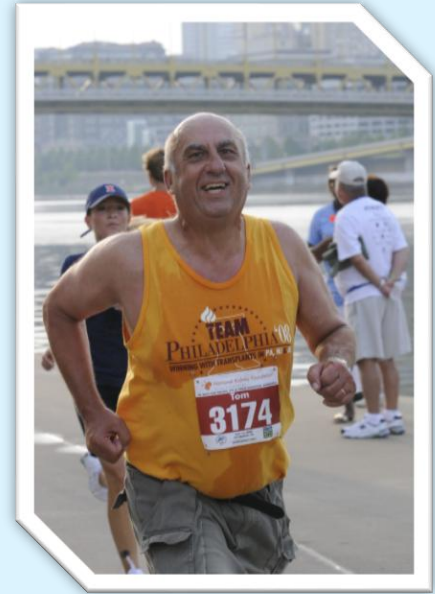
**Vinnie**  
Volunteer  
Coordinator



**Tess**  
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Coordinator



**Megan**  
Transplant  
Coordinator



# Mission of Team Philadelphia

- Showcase the success of transplantation
- Honor those people who have given the gift of life
- Call attention to the need for more organ & tissue donors

# Media



Important tool to educate the community and show that transplantation works

Pitching stories to local media

Photographer/videographer will send clips back to local Philadelphia area news during the Transplant Games



# In Memoriam

LaVerne Clark

Dr. Fidelis Madwue Kenine

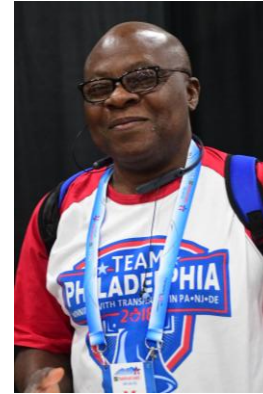
Susan Pincus

Joe Radvansky Jr.

Steven Sabb

Robert “Bob” Sosna

*These Team Philadelphia members will be honored during the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, June 20*



# Team Philly Oath

I promise that in being a member of Team Philadelphia I will:

- Adhere to all the rules and regulations of the Transplant Games of America and Team Philadelphia
- Serve the Gift of Life community through volunteering and raising funds to support Team Philadelphia
- Act as an ambassador for Gift of Life and Team Philadelphia at all times
- Be kind
- Have fun
- BE LOUD
- Be proud
- Be a part of a dedicated, loving and passionate community that honors donor families, recipients, and living donors through support of the Transplant Games of America.

# Registration & Medical Waivers

All the following information regarding  
registration rates & medical waivers  
is available on

[TransplantGamesofAmerica.org](https://TransplantGamesofAmerica.org)



# Transplant Games of America



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Transplant Games of America website. At the top, there are logos for 'Transplant Life Foundation', 'TRANSPLANT GAMES of AMERICA', and 'TransplantNATION'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the logos is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'About', '2026 TGA', 'Give', and 'TGA Teams'. The main banner features a large graphic with the text 'TRANSPLANT GAMES 2026 DENVER' set against a background of a mountain range and an American flag. Below the banner are four buttons: 'Volunteer', 'Donate', 'Become a Sponsor', and 'Participate'. Underneath these buttons, the text '2026 TRANSPLANT GAMES' is displayed. Two more buttons are present: 'Find your TGA Team!' and 'Registration is OPEN!'. At the bottom left, there is a smaller version of the 'TRANSPLANT GAMES 2026 DENVER' logo, and to its right, the tagline 'See what others cant envision.' is written in a gold, cursive font.

- Registration
- Competition Information
- Medical Waivers
- Special Events
- FAQs

[www.TransplantGamesofAmerica.org](http://www.TransplantGamesofAmerica.org)

# Registration Costs/Dates

| Registration      | Dates  | Division 1 & Division 2 Competitors | Division 3 Competitor | Adult Noncompetitor |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Late Registration | <i>March 9 – May 18</i><br>(COMPETITORS)<br><br><i>March 9 – June 17</i><br>(NONCOMPETITORS) | \$200                               | \$100                 | \$75                |

*Ages 6-10*  
*Ages 5 and Under*

*Registration is discounted 50%*  
*Registration is free*

# Who is an Athlete?

- Division 1: Solid Organ Transplant Recipients
- Division 2: Living Donors, Cornea, Tissue, Bone Marrow & Stem Cell Recipients
- Division 3: Donor Family Members & Living Donor Family Members
- To compete, a competitor's most recent transplant, or donation must have occurred on or prior to September 18, 2025
- Any age or athletic ability welcome!



# Medical Waivers

- **Division 1 & Division 2 competitors MUST complete the medical waiver**
- Division 3 competitors (living donor families and donor families) DO NOT need to complete a medical waiver
- **Medical Waivers must be signed by a physician and submitted by JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Any Division 1 & Division 2 athlete **without a completed medical waiver** by the deadline will **have their registration CANCELLED** by TGA

The 2026 TGA Medical Waiver may be submitted one of two ways:

Via **fax** to (616) 356-2522

Via **mail** to 1593 Galbraith Ave SE Suite 201 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Attn: Medical Committee



The Medical Waiver is available on [TransplantGamesofAmerica.org/Registration](https://TransplantGamesofAmerica.org/Registration) under the TGA Medical Waiver Section

# COMPETITIONS



5K RUN / WALK



BADMINTON



BALLROOM DANCING



BASKETBALL



BOWLING



CORNHOLE



CYCLING



DARTS



GOLF



LYRICS FOR LIFE



PICKLEBALL



SWIMMING



TABLE TENNIS



TENNIS



TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER



TRACK & FIELD



TRIVIA



VIRTUAL TRIATHLON



VOLLEYBALL



YOUTH OLYMPIAD

## Age Brackets

| Adults | Youth       |
|--------|-------------|
| 14-17  | 5 and under |
| 18-29  | 6-10        |
| 30-39  | 11-13       |
| 40-49  |             |
| 50-59  |             |
| 60-69  |             |
| 70-79  |             |

Athletes will be allowed to enter a total of one sport per day.

\*\*Team events (3-on-3 basketball and volleyball) do not count toward the limit.

# Athlete Rules and Regulations

## Sports Per Day Limit

- Athletes will be allowed to enter a total of one sport per day.
- Team events (3-on-3 basketball and volleyball) do not count toward the one sport limit.

## Division 2 & 3 Athletes

- Division 2 & 3 athletes may not compete in individual sports where through elimination they may end up competing head-to-head with a Division 1 athlete. These sports are:
  - Badminton
  - Basketball
  - Table Tennis
  - Tennis
  - Volleyball

## Doubles and Mixed Doubles

- Doubles partners must be from the same division e.g. male/male, female/female. Division 1 athletes cannot partner with Division 2 athletes.
- Mixed doubles is restricted to same division, male/female partners. Division 1 athletes cannot partner with Division 2 athletes for mixed doubles.

# Waitlists and Partner Sports

All waitlists for sports are controlled by TGA

All partners not already indicated on registration are partnered up by Team Philadelphia Managers

# Waitlisted Sports UPDATE

People on waitlists for sports are expected to **hear back from TGA on their waitlist status by June 1**

You may be taken off the waitlist before that date. If you are, you will receive an email

# Doubles & Partners

- Team Philly is pre-assigning anyone who did not identify a partner and **I will be emailing partners the week of May 25**
- **If you have a preferred partner for a sport**, please email [TeamPhilly@donors1.org](mailto:TeamPhilly@donors1.org)
- If you're not playing a sport for a day and **willing to be considered as a backup doubles/partner** in the event of uneven numbers, please email [TeamPhilly@donors1.org](mailto:TeamPhilly@donors1.org)
- Currently, **we're looking for partners for**
  - **Pickleball (Doubles & Mixed Doubles)**
  - **Badminton (female doubles)**
  - **Bowling (Doubles & Mixed Doubles)**

## June 18 – Pickleball Doubles

- Division 1 (1 male and 1 female)
- Division 2 (1 female)
- Division 3 (1 male and 1 female)

## June 19 – Pickleball Mixed Doubles

- Division 1 (3 females)
- Division 2 (1 male)
- Division 3 (3 males)

## June 22 – Badminton Mixed Doubles

- Division 1 (2 females)

## June 23 – Bowling Doubles \*Waitlisted\*

- Division 1 (1 female)
- Division 2 (1 male)
- Division 3 (1 female)

## June 23 – Bowling Mixed Doubles \*Waitlisted\*

- Division 1 (3 females)

# Partner Sports

- We will match up sports partners based on:
  - *Division/Gender (requirements of the Games)*
  - *Total amount of sports they're competing in (we want to make sure everyone is competing in at least one sport)*
- Some participants may receive an email that we could not find you a partner based on limitations
  - *Ex. I signed up for Division 2 bowling doubles but there are no other Division 2 female bowlers that signed up*
  - *Partners cannot be from different divisions or different teams*

# Team Philadelphia Events

These events are organized by Gift of Life specifically for Team Philadelphia attendees

A full schedule of events will be sent to you prior to the Transplant Games



# Team Philly Dinner and Photo

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

*Sonesta Denver Downtown*

*All Team Philly members invited!*

**4pm – 5:30pm: Team Philly Dinner**

**5:30 – 5:45pm: Team Philly Photo**

**(WEAR YOUR TEAM PHILLY POLO)**



# Opening Ceremonies UPDATE

- Based on the size of the theater, **each team's entrance will be PRE-TAPED on Friday, June 19** to be played at the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, June 20
- **Pre-taping times for each team is still TBD** and will be communicated with Team Philly once confirmed
- **DONOR FAMILIES will still all walk in together** with all other donor families from all teams

# Opening Ceremonies Pre-Tape

## June 19 - Opening Ceremonies PRE-TAPE

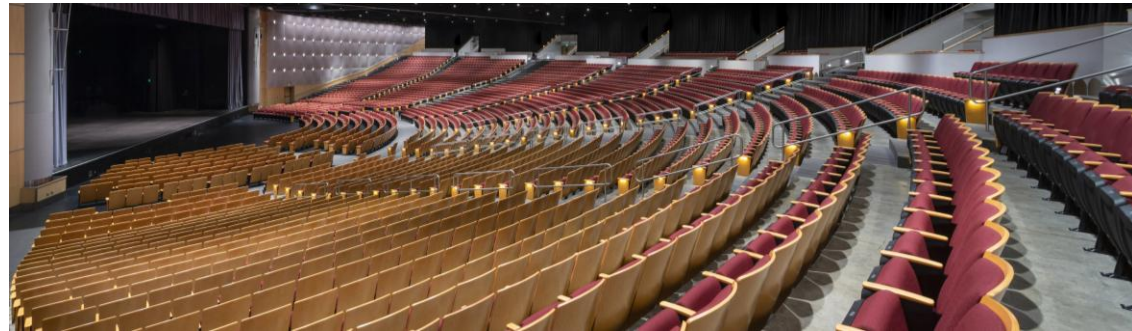
*TIME TBD (late afternoon)*

- **Team Philadelphia** will do a pre-taped entrance to the Opening Ceremonies
- We will be **cheering for the cameras** and bringing all the **team spirit!**
- **All Team Philadelphia members** are welcome to the pre-tape

## June 20- Opening Ceremonies

*(6pm – 10pm)*

- **Team Philadelphia** (minus Donor Family Members) **will be seated** in the theater to watch all the pre-taped entrances
- **ALL DONOR FAMILIES** will still enter the theater as one big group for a standing ovation



# Donor Family Luncheon and Butterfly Release UPDATE

*Based on event scheduling,  
the Donor Family Luncheon and  
the Donor Family Butterfly Release  
will be on two separate days*



# Team Philly Donor Family Luncheon

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

*Henry's Tavern, 12pm – 1:30pm*

*(5 minute walk from the Convention  
Center/Hotel)*

***Luncheon for Team Philadelphia Donor  
Families***

Please email Lara Moretti [lmoretti@donors1.org](mailto:lmoretti@donors1.org)

*with any questions*



# Team Philly Donor Family Butterfly Release

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

*Sculpture Park, 4pm – 4:30pm  
(time may shift slightly)*

*5 minute walk from the Convention Center*

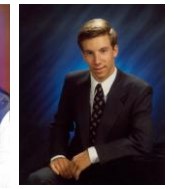
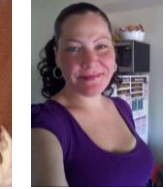
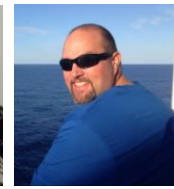
*Donor Families will all stay together after  
the Butterfly Release to line up for  
the Opening Ceremonies entrance  
with all Transplant Games Donor Families*



# Donor Tribute

- Michele Alford
- Stephen Boyes
- Richard "Rick" Brenner Jr
- Evan Bunting
- Michael Burns
- Richard Scott "Rickey" Colomy Jr III
- Will Fullmer
- Curtis Gano
- Lori J. Homko
- Kellie M. Jones
- Gregory J. Kennedy
- Jonathan G. Kennedy
- David M. Kennedy, Jr.
- Katherinale Mckinney
- Michael McVey

- Edward T. "Eddie" Milbourne, Jr
- Tracy Moses
- Jorge André Muñoz Sánchez
- Keith Reinhold
- William "Bill" Reinhold
- Anthony "Tony" Rivera
- Bob Sosna
- Edward Joseph "EJ" Summers, Jr
- Samuel David Wentz
- Chris Wilson
- Vera Lyn Wise
- David "Dave" Wise
- Marquis Wood
- James E. Zimmerman, Jr



*These donor heroes will be honored during the Donor Tribute on Sunday, June 21*

# Competitions & Venue Updates

All the following information regarding event locations/dates is available on [TransplantGamesofAmerica.org](https://www.transplantgamesofamerica.org)



# Thursday, June 18

| Event                           | Location                                 | Time      | Division  | Ages                             | # of Competitors   |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tennis<br>(Singles & Doubles)   | <u>Metropolitan State<br/>University</u> | 8am – 4pm | 1         | 6+                               | 0                  |
| Cornhole<br><b>*EVENT FULL*</b> | Convention Center                        | 8am – 4pm | 1, 2, & 3 | 0-13 (Singles)<br>14+ (Doubles)  | 39                 |
| Pickleball Doubles              | Convention Center                        | 8am – 4pm | 1, 2, & 3 | 11-13 (Singles)<br>14+ (Doubles) | 13                 |
| Murph Showcase                  | Convention Center                        | 9am – 1pm | All       | 16+                              | 1                  |
| Team Philly Dinner<br>4pm – 6pm | Sonesta Denver<br>Downtown               | 4pm – 6pm | All       | All                              | All of Team Philly |
| Pub Trivia                      | Convention Center                        | 6pm – 8pm | All       | 21+                              | 4                  |

# Friday, June 19

| Event                                       | Location  | Times                               | Division       | Ages | # of Competitors          |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|---------------------------|
| <b>Pickleball Mixed Doubles</b>             | Convention Center   | 8am – 4pm                           | 1, 2, & 3      | 14+  | 17                        |
| <b>Swimming (Long Events)</b>               | <u>El Pomar Natatorium</u><br><u>(University of Denver)</u> | 8am – 2pm                           | 1 & 2          | 14+  | 3                         |
| <b>Lyrics for Life (Vocal Competition)</b>  | Convention Center   | 9am – 10am                          | 1, 2, & 3      | All  | 2                         |
| <b>Ballroom Dancing</b>                     | Convention Center   | 10am – 4pm                          | 1, 2, & 3      | 14+  | 2                         |
| <b>Donor Family Luncheon</b>                | Henry's Tavern  | 12pm – 1:30pm                       | Donor Families | All  | Donor Family Members (75) |
| <b>Opening Ceremonies Pre-Tape Entrance</b> | Convention Center   | <b>TBD</b><br><i>(4pm – 5:30pm)</i> | ALL            | ALL  | All of Team Philly        |
| <b>Basketball** (Day 1)</b>                 | Convention Center   | 6pm – 11pm                          | 1              | 6+   | 20                        |

# Friday June 19 - Night at the Rockies

**Colorado Rockies  
vs. Pittsburgh Pirates  
Friday, June 19 6:40pm**

Visit [Rockies.com/TransplantGames](https://www.rockies.com/transplantgames)  
*for discounted tickets*

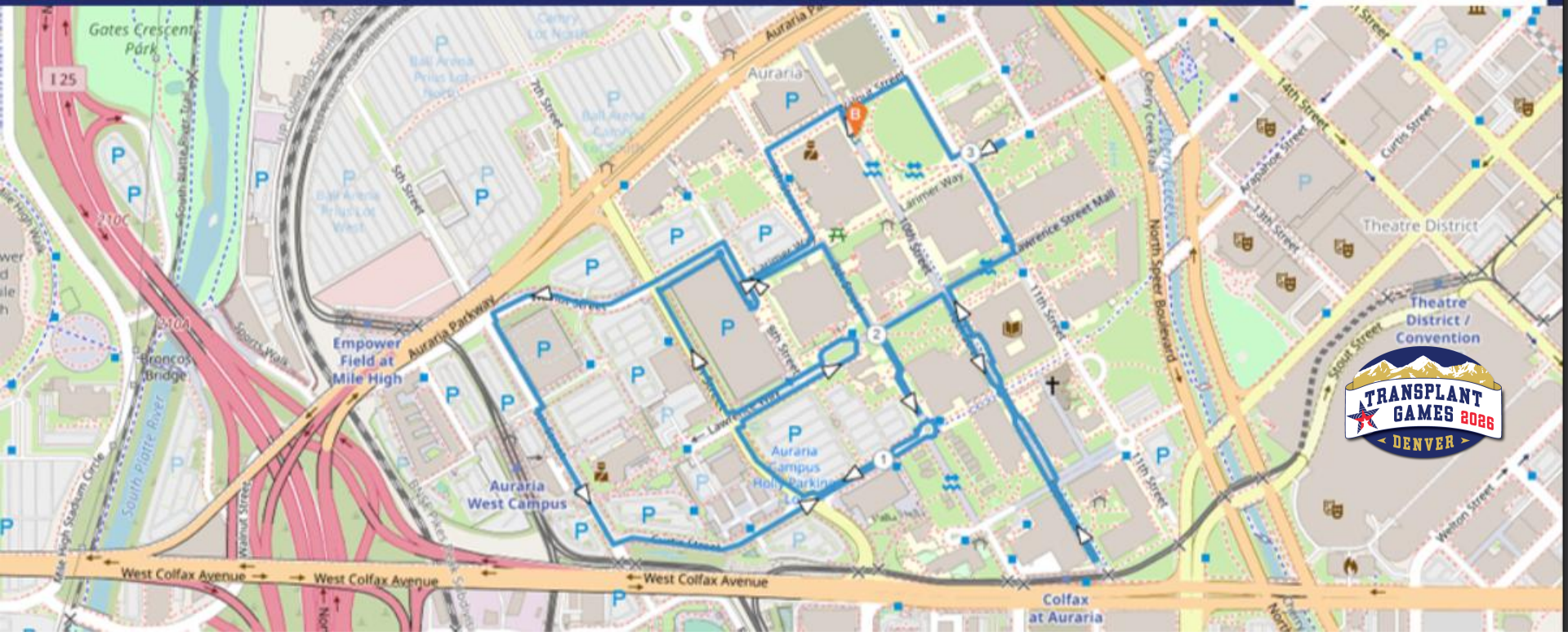


*\*NOTE\* This is during Night 1 of Basketball.  
All basketball competitors must be in attendance of  
both nights of basketball*

# Saturday, June 20

| Event   | Location              | Time          | Division             | Ages   | # of Competitors          |
|---|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| <b>5K Run/Walk</b>                            | <u>Auraria Campus</u> | 7:30am – 10am | All                  | All    | 54                        |
| <b>Division 1 &amp; 2 Trivia</b>              | Convention Center     | 10am – 1pm    | 1 & 2                | 11+    | 8                         |
| <b>Youth Olympiad</b>                         | Convention Center     | 1pm – 3pm     | 1, 2, & 3            | 1 - 13 | 11                        |
| <b>Living Donor &amp; Recipient Gathering</b> | Convention Center     | 12:30pm – 2pm | All                  | 18+    | 27                        |
| <b>Donor Family Butterfly Release</b>         | Sculpture Park        | 4pm – 4:30pm  | Donor Family Members | All    | Donor Family Members (75) |
| <b>Opening Ceremony</b>                       | <u>Bellco Theatre</u> | 6pm – 10pm    | All                  | All    | 200+                      |

# Competition Venues – 5K & Cycling Map



# Cycling Rental UPDATE

Cycling rental information will be released by  
TGA later this month



# Sunday, June 21

| Event                           | Location              | Time       | Division | Ages | # of Competitors                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------|------|--|
| <b>Cycling</b>                  | <u>Auraria Campus</u> | 7am – 12pm | 1 & 2    | All  | 9  |
| <b>Swimming</b>                 | El Pomar Natatorium   | 8am – 4pm  | 1 & 2    | All  | 5  |
| <b>Table Tennis</b>             | Convention Center     | 8am – 4pm  | 1        | All  | 14   |
| <b>Texas Hold'em Poker</b>      | Convention Center     | 9am – 1pm  | 1 & 2    | 18+  | 5  |
| <b>Donor Family Trivia</b>      | Convention Center     | 12pm – 3pm | 3        | 11+  | 15   |
| <b>Donor Tribute</b>            | Bellco Theatre        | 4pm – 6pm  | All      | All  | <i>29 Team Philadelphia Donors honored</i> |
| <b>Basketball**<br/>(Day 2)</b> | Convention Center     | 6pm – 11pm | 1        | 6+   | 20   |

# Monday, June 22

| Event   | Location                             | Time       | Division  | Ages | # of Competitors |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------|------------------|
| <b>Golf (Singles)</b><br><b>*EVENT FULL*</b>                        | <u>South Suburban Golf Course</u>    | 8am – 4pm  | 1, 2, & 3 | 14+  | 2                |
| <b>Badminton</b>  | Convention Center                    | 8am – 4pm  | 1         | 6+   | 4                |
| <b>Bowling (Singles)</b>  | <u>Holiday Lanes</u>                 | 8am – 4pm  | 1, 2, & 3 | All  | 22               |
| <b>Track &amp; Field</b>  | <u>Englewood High School Stadium</u> | 8am – 4pm  | 1 & 2     | All  | 24               |
| <b>Workshops</b>  | Convention Center                    | TBD        | All       | All  |                  |
| <b>Quarter Century Club Dinner &amp; Dance</b><br><b>*SOLD OUT*</b> | Wings Over the Rockies               | 6pm – 10pm | All       | All  | 20               |
| <b>Volleyball**</b>   | Convention Center                    | 6pm – 11am | 1         | 11+  | 12               |

# Tuesday, June 23

| Event   | Location                                | Time       | Division  | Ages | # of Competitors   |
|---|---|------------|-----------|------|--------------------|
| <b>Golf (Doubles)</b><br><b>*EVENT FULL*</b>    | <u>Lake Arbor</u><br><u>Golf Course</u> | 8am – 4pm  | 1, 2, & 3 | 14+  | 4                  |
| <b>Bowling (Doubles)</b><br><b>*EVENT FULL*</b> | <u>Holiday Lanes</u>                    | 8am – 4pm  | 1, 2, & 3 | All  | 30                 |
| <b>Darts</b><br><b>*EVENT FULL*</b>             | Convention<br>Center                    | 8am – 4pm  | 1 & 2     | 6+   | 10                 |
| <b>Quilt Pinning</b>                            | Convention<br>Center                    | 12pm – 1pm | All       | All  |                    |
| <b>Closing Ceremony</b>                         | Convention<br>Center                    | 6pm – 8pm  | All       | All  | All of Team Philly |

# Everyday Events

- TGA Village and Expo
- Pin Trading
- Reflection Room/Quilt Display



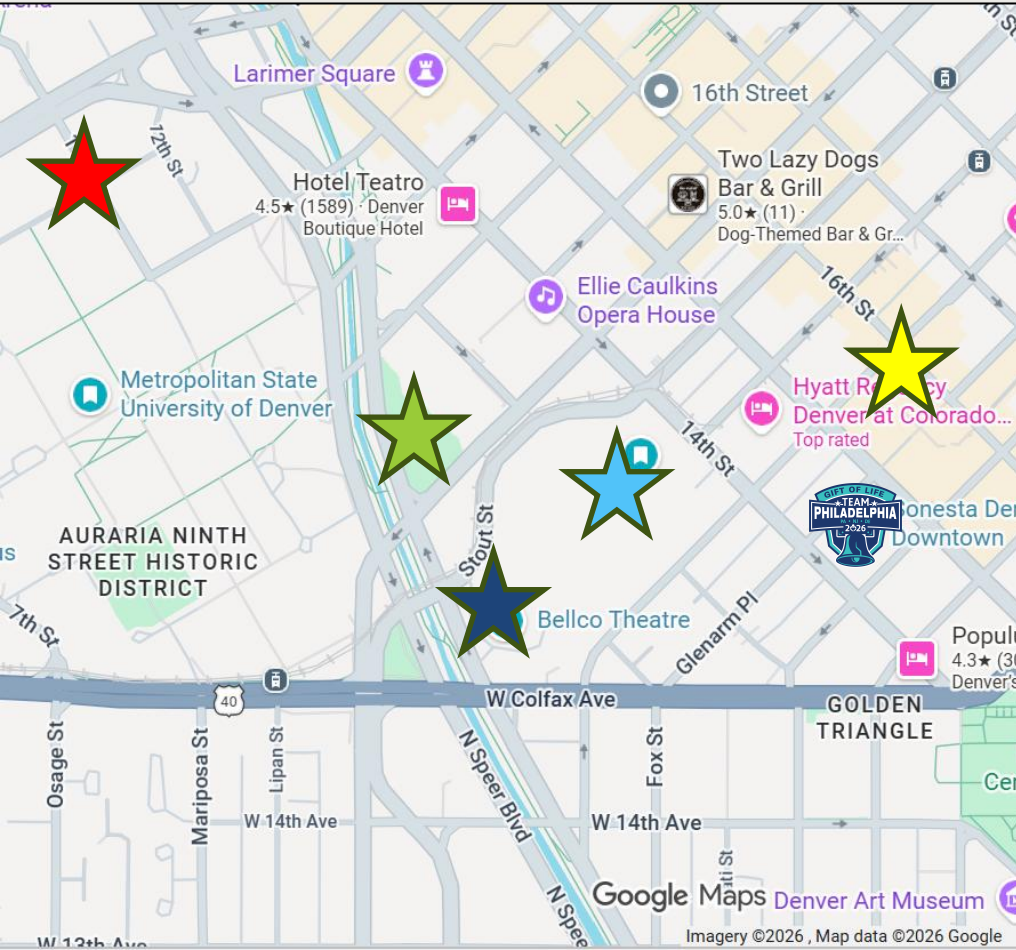
# Special Events

- Murph Challenge *(open to public)*
- Living Donor & Recipient Gathering *(must be added on your registration)*
- Donor Tribute Ceremony
- Workshops
- Quarter Century Club Dinner *(ticketed event)*
- Quilt Pinning Ceremony

*Learn more on*

[TransplantGamesofAmerica.org](https://www.transplantgamesofamerica.org)

# Event Locations (Walking Distance)



## Sonesta Denver Downtown

- Team Hotel
- Team Office
- Team Dinner



## Denver Convention Center

- TGA Village, Expo, Pin Trading, Quilt Display
- Team Events (Basketball, Volleyball)
- Majority of Indoor Events



## Bellco Theater

- Opening Ceremony
- Donor Tribute Ceremony



## Henry's Tavern

- Donor Family Luncheon



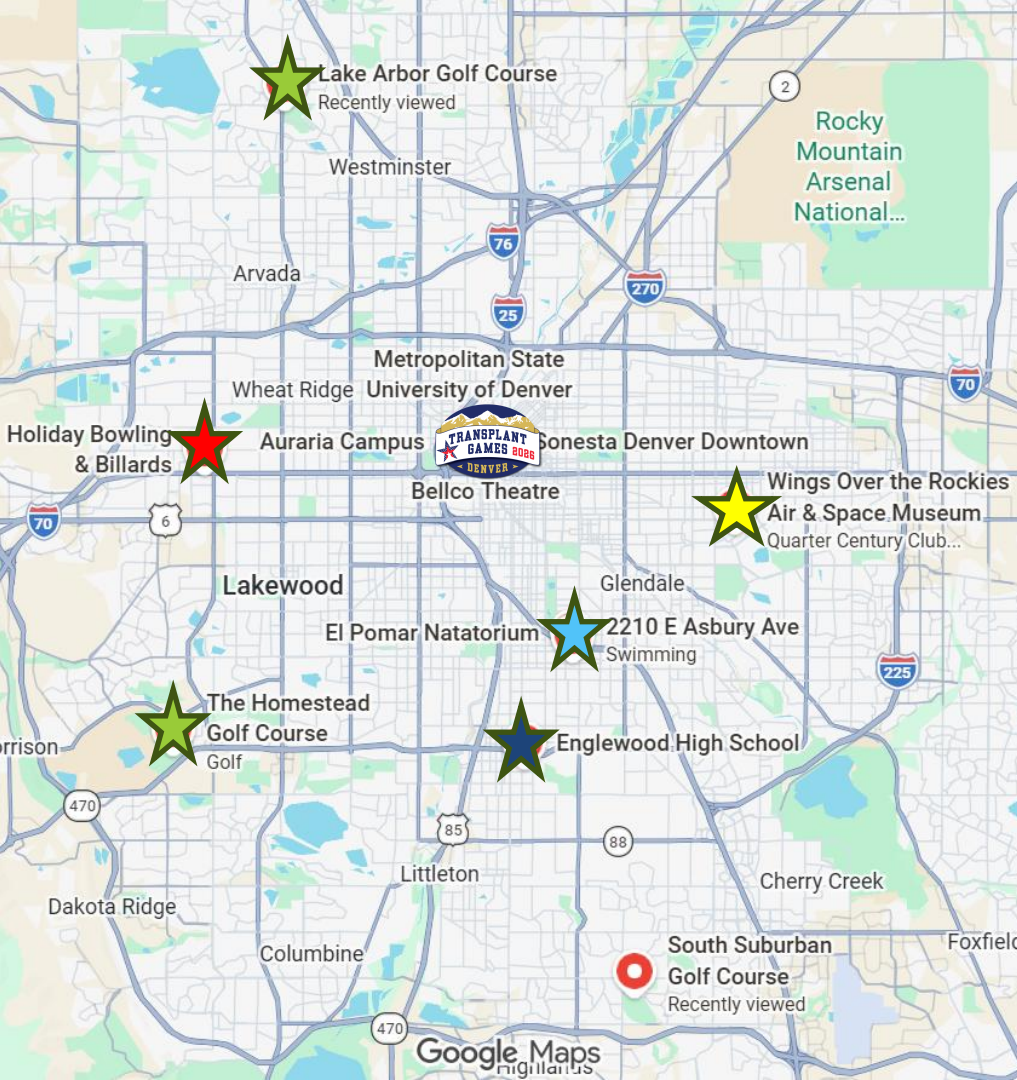
## Sculpture Park

- Butterfly Release



## Auraria Campus

- Cycling and 5K Run/Walk
- ~15 minutes from Convention Center (walking)



### El Pomar Natatorium

- Swimming
- ~13 minute drive



### South Suburban Golf Course

- Golf Singles
- ~28 minute drive



### Lake Arbor Golf Courses

- Golf Doubles
- ~21 minute drive



### Holiday Lanes

- Bowling Singles & Doubles
- ~15 minutes drive



### Englewood High School Stadium

- Track & Field
- ~22 minute drive



### Wings Over the Rockies

- Quarter Century Club Dinner
- ~21 minute drive

# Denver Transportation



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- **HOTEL:** All team hotels are in Downtown Denver, within 1 – 6 blocks from Convention Center
- **TRANSIT:** TGA transit system between Convention Center to event venues
- **MEDICATION:** CVS and Walgreens Pharmacy 2 blocks away from Convention Center
- **DINING:** Dozens of restaurants walking distance from Convention Center

# Travel to Denver, CO

## JUNE 2026

| SUN   | MON | TUE | WED  | THU   | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----|-----|--|---|-----|-----|
| 31  | 1   | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 1  | 2   | 3   | 4   |

- Booking air travel to Denver, CO is the participants responsibility
- Keep in mind while booking air travel that the Transplant Games begin on **Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** and end on **Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**
- Please refer to the schedule for specific events and times to book your travel accordingly

# Transportation to and from Airport

- The ride from **Denver International Airport to the Denver Convention Center/Hotel** ranges from **40 – 60 minutes**
- **Rideshares (Uber/Lyft) average \$50** from the airport to Downtown Denver
- The **Airport Train (A Line) costs \$10 each way** and **drops off at Union Station**  
*(~20 minute walk from the Convention Center/Team Hotel)*
  - Go to **VisitDenver.com** for more information on the Airport Train and other transit options
- The Team Hotel (Sonesta Denver Downtown) **does not offer an airport shuttle**

# Altitude in Denver

- Denver has a 5,280 ft elevation
  - Stay extra hydrated
  - Limit alcohol intake



Any questions on the elevation in Denver **please discuss with your doctor or refer to the CDC guidelines** on high altitude travel

*(NOTE: The CDC guidance is based on altitudes 8,000 ft and above)*



# Team Philadelphia Logistics

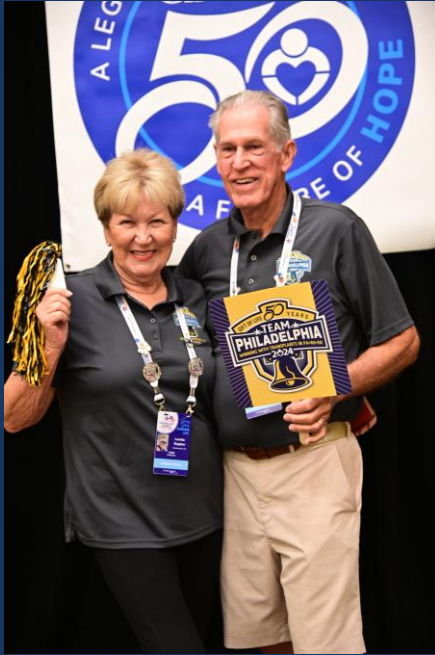
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# Cost of Attending 2026 Transplant Games



The costs associated with the Transplant Games  
are the responsibility of each attendee

# Team Member Responsibilities



- The costs associated with the Transplant Games are the responsibility of each attendee
- Team Philadelphia will provide fundraising resources to team members

# Team Philly Hotel Block: Sonesta Denver Downtown



## Room Block Dates:

**June 17 (check in) – June 24 (check out)**

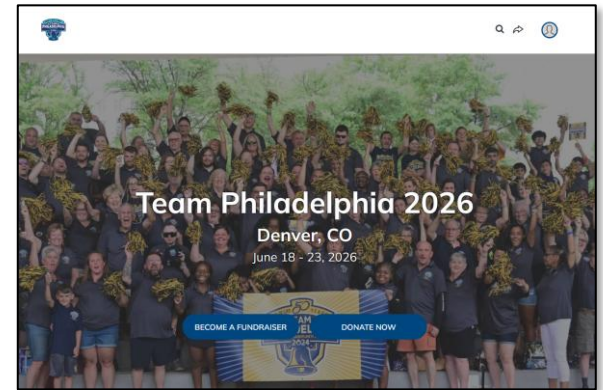
**\$290-\$330 per room, including taxes & fees**

- *Room types – King or Double Queen*
- *2 blocks from Denver Convention Center*
- *Mini fridge in all rooms*
- *ADA accessible rooms available upon request*
- *Walking distance to dozens of restaurants*
- *Parking: \$47 overnight    \$30 day-use only*

***Link to reserve Team Philly room is available at [TeamPhilly.org](https://www.teamphilly.org)***

# Individual Fundraising

- Team Philadelphia athletes can fundraise to offset the costs associated with the Transplant Games
- Fundraising pages can be shared with friends and family to raise money for the team!
- Fundraising page link on [teamphilly.org](https://teamphilly.org)



# Post Event Fundraising Reimbursement

After the Transplant Games, you can submit itemized receipts for the following costs:

- Travel
  - Lodging
  - TGA Registration
  - Food (not to include alcohol)
- 
- Gift of Life will review your receipts compared to the amount on your fundraising page.
  - You can only be reimbursed based on your eligible receipts up to the amount on your fundraising page.
  - Any fundraising above receipts total will go toward Team Philadelphia.
  - Upon review, Gift of Life Transplant Foundation will send you a check 6-8 weeks after receiving your receipts.

# 2026 Team Philly Yearbook



# Team Philly Digital Yearbook

Every Transplant Games, Team Philly has a yearbook featuring:

- Competitor headshots and information
- Donor Family photos to honor donors
- The 2024 Digital Yearbook can be found on [TeamPhilly.org](https://TeamPhilly.org)

Tribute & Advertising Spaces are available to:

- Send a message to a teammate
- Say thank you to a supporter
- Get well wishes from friends and family
- Honor donor heroes
- Ads from local businesses

Selling tribute and ad spaces in the Team Philly Yearbook will go toward your individual fundraising on <https://give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026>



# Transplant Recipients

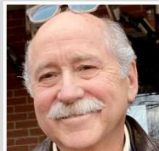


## Todd French

Milford, DE  
Heart Recipient  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
November 2021

Cardiac Sarcoidosis caused a great deal of damage to Todd's heart. After living with a defibrillator for 8 years, Todd was finally added to the transplant list in October of 2021. As Todd waited in the hospital for his new heart, his daughter was born, just 21 days before receiving his next miracle, his heart transplant. Todd and his family are forever grateful to the hospital staff and of course his life giving donor. He and his family will be advocates for the rest of their lives. This will be Todd's first Transplant Games!

Events: Texas "Hold-em" Poker, Golf



## Robert Goodman

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

Idiopathic was the word for Bob for 4 years, starting with bradycardia in 2008 leading to ventricular tachycardia in 2011, along with pacemaker/defibrillator, finally followed by a diagnosis of idiopathic cardiac-only sarcoidosis in 2012. Bob was treated medically for a year, taken off all meds and the sarcoidosis came back with a vengeance that ultimately lead to his heart transplant in November of 2013.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field, 5K Run/Walk



## Kacey Heisler

Laurel Springs, NJ  
Cornea Recipient  
Wills Eye Hospital  
May 2014 | September 2014

Kacey was born with Peter's Anomaly, a cloudiness of the corneas, blocking her vision. She received her corneas when she was 4 months and 8 months old. Kacey just celebrated her 10th year anniversary of her transplants!

Events: Youth Olympiad, Cycling, Bowling, Darts



## Xzavler Shockley

Laurel, DE  
Kidney Recipient  
Nemours Children's Hospital  
July 2018

This will be Xzavler's first Transplant Games! Good luck Xzavler!

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



## Daniel Snowden

Harrisburg, PA  
Kidney Recipient  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
August 1992

Daniel was born with kidneys that did not develop properly, requiring the use of a urinary drainage bag from 1988 to 1978. From there, Daniel had corrective surgeries in 1976 and 1978 to obtain some kidney function. After nearly 5 years of dialysis from 1987 to 1992 and a bilateral nephrectomy, Daniel got the call that a kidney was available. Although the kidney did take about 10 days to work, Daniel has not experienced any rejection episodes at all. Daniel counts his blessings and always thanks the donor family who made it possible for him to have a monumentally improved life.

Events: Basketball, Track & Field, Bowling, Volleyball



## Mikey Snyder

Hamilton, NJ  
Kidney Recipient  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
May 2003 | September 2007 | October 2017

Mikey was born with kidney failure. He got his first transplant from his mom when he was 3. Mikey has had 2 transplants since thanks to his angel donors.

Events: Basketball, Bowling, Trivia

# Living Donors



## Brandon Beckham

Dover, DE  
Kidney Donor  
Christiana Hospital  
June 2023

This will be Brandon's first Transplant Games. Good luck, Brandon!

Events: Texas "Hold-em" Poker, Bowling, Darts



## Nicole Gladfelter

North Haledon, NJ  
Kidney Donor  
Temple University Hospital  
May 2012

At the age of 22, Nicole was interested in becoming a living donor to save an early childhood mentor's life. Being so young, she had an uphill battle to become a donor. The matching process was simple but she had to convince a team of surgeons that she knew what she was getting into. After about 5 months of tests, interviews and meetings, she was finally approved to donate to Mr. Paul. Becoming a living donor is by far one of Nicole's greatest accomplishments in life, second only to the birth of her son.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field, Pickleball, 5K Run/Walk



## Michelle Glazier

Wilmington, DE  
Kidney Donor  
Christiana Hospital

Michelle was born in Philadelphia and currently lives in Wilmington, DE with her husband of 33 years. They have a 26-year-old daughter and a dog. She is an exercise enthusiast and former body-builder. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading, and volunteering. She donated her kidney to a co-worker who had been on dialysis for over a year. Michelle says it was an amazing journey, and they stay in touch regularly.

Events: Swimming, Track & Field, Pickleball, 5K Run/Walk



## Cameron Smith

Lafayette Hill, PA  
Kidney Donor  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
August 2022

Cameron is excited to join Team Philadelphia in Alabama for his first Transplant Games!

Events: Cycling, Swimming, Track & Field



## Gigi Snyder

Hamilton, NJ  
Kidney Donor  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
May 2003

Gigi donated a kidney to her son, Mikey, when he was 23 months old. Gigi was her son's first donor and is proud to say she gave life to him twice.

Events: Bowling, Pickleball



## Robert Sosna

Shelbyville DE  
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.

# Donor Families



*Antonia and DeVaughn Alford,  
Shanee Brooks and Rafiah Cheeks*

**In loving memory of  
Michele Alford**  
February 4, 2021



Michele knew the importance of organ donation because her son received a liver transplant. She was a big supporter of organ donation and her wishes were to donate her organs and tissue. Her family fulfilled her wishes by donating her cornea tissue. Her donation immediately gave a recipient the gift of sight. Michele's family are active volunteers and advocate for organ donation. Her son has been a Transplant Games competitor since 1996 and her family has been attending the Games to support organ donation awareness.



*Kenneth Lovely*

**In loving memory of  
Stephen Boyes**  
May 17, 1998



Steve was 44 when he passed from a heart attack and became a donor. Mary (on the right) became a donor wife. Just a few years later Mary received The Gift of Life with a single lung transplant. Mary and Ken formed Transplant Alliance Foundation where they made it their mission to help people pay their transplant related medical expenses. In 2015 Mary received a second lung transplant. That year Transplant Alliance became a 501(c)(3). Steve's selfless act of being an organ donor paved the way for Ken and Mary to create the foundation. Mary passed away in 2021. Her charity lives on stronger than ever.



*Pat Hieber*

**In loving memory of  
Chris Wilson**  
March 11, 1999



Chris was 18 when he died. He loved playing basketball with his friends and brother and sister in the backyard. He was caring and loved everyone. He loved to bake and make people laugh. Because of his wish to be an organ donor he saved 5 lives, one of whom is still living life to the fullest after 25 years.



*Markita and Alice Lewis  
and Amaya Henderson*

**In loving memory of  
Marquis Wood**  
June 7, 2014



Marquis had an asthma attack and went into cardiac arrest. His family decided to donate Marquis' organs. Marquis was able to save three lives: Noah has his heart, Keith has his kidney, and Nathan has the other kidney and his liver. As a donor Mom it gives Markita comfort knowing that Marquis was able to save three lives and all young men are doing everything they should be doing.

# Team Philadelphia Tributes



At John Kennedy Ford Mazda in Conshohocken, we're honored, as proud sponsors, to stand behind Team Philadelphia as they compete in the Transplant Games of America. It's a privilege to support such an inspiring group of individuals who showcase the incredible power of perseverance and the human spirit.

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Ford Mazda **CONSHOHOCKEN**

1403 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken, PA 19428  
610-279-1700

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Enjoy Your Ride

Go Kacey! We are so proud of you!! You are an inspiration to us all!!

-Miss Jess & Troop 30862

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF ANGELINA ORLANDO'S SON JAMIE "LOU" AND SUPPORTING ALL THE TEAM PHILLY ATHLETES



Gino and Alicia

In Loving Memory of my husband/Pastor Samuel B. Jordan Jr. I watch you grow tired and the pain so great. When God gave you your wings, it hurt me so bad, for you took a part of me.

Love your wife, Barabara Jordan.

Good luck LaVerne Clark and Team Philly.



Best Wishes  
Howard Pritchard  
Bring home the gold!

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# Team Philly Digital Yearbook Tributes and Advertising Form

*Digital and physical forms to purchase tribute and advertising spaces in the 2026 Team Philly Digital Yearbook are available on [TeamPhilly.org](https://give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026) and the Team Philly individual fundraising website (<https://give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026>)*

*\*DUE BY MAY 24\**



## 2026 Team Philadelphia Digital Yearbook Tributes & Advertising Form

Buy a tribute or an ad in the 2026 Team Philadelphia Digital Yearbook!

Tribute spaces can be used to send a message to a teammate, say thank you to a supporter, or your family and friends can send you well wishes and encouragement during the 2026 Transplant Games! Tribute and advertising space can also be sold to local businesses. In your tribute or ad you can include a picture or a logo from a local business.

*All of the money raised through selling tributes and acknowledgments will go toward your Team Philadelphia fundraising efforts on <https://give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026>. Tributes and ads are subject to the approval of Gift of Life Transplant Foundation.*

**1/6 page -\$30    1/3 page - \$50    Full page - \$100**

Words Only - 50 word limit

Words and Picture or Logo - 20 word limit

Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Message to appear in the yearbook:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please send high resolution images to [teamphilly@donors1.org](mailto:teamphilly@donors1.org)

Payment will be accepted in the form of check.

Online form for credit card payment can be found on [TeamPhilly.org](http://TeamPhilly.org)

Please make checks out to: *Transplant Foundation*

**Mailing Address for form and check:**

*Gift of Life Donor Program*

*ATTN: Transplant Games*

*401 N. 3rd Street*

*Philadelphia, PA 19123*

**ORDERS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**1/6 AD SIZE**

**\$30**

**4.25" x 3.75"**

**1/6 AD SIZE**

**\$30**

**4.25" x 3.75"**

**1/3 AD SIZE**

**\$50**

**8.5" x 3.75"**

**FULL PAGE AD**

**\$100**

**8.5" x 11"**

# Yearbook Deadlines

Sunday, May 24–

**Competitor information & Donor Family information Due**

*Form emailed by Annie Busarello to all registered athletes & donor families*

**Ads & Tributes Submissions Due**

*Form on [TeamPhilly.org](https://TeamPhilly.org)!*



# 2026 Team Philly Uniforms



**2026 Team Philly  
T-shirt**



**2026 Team Philly  
Tech Tee**



**2026 Team Philly  
Crewneck**



**2026 Team Philly  
Lapel Pins**



**2026 Team Philly  
Polo (Men's & Women's Fit)**



**2026 Team Philly  
Water Bottle**



# 2026 Team Philadelphia Uniforms

- Recipients, Living Donors, and Deceased Donor Families will get a free uniform set!
  - Link to select free uniform sizes was emailed to all registered attendees who meet the free uniform guidelines
  - Living donors will receive also receive a free “Living Donor” t-shirt with their uniform set
- 
- The link to purchase additional uniforms items is available on ***TeamPhilly.org***
  - Friends/family/supporters are welcome to purchase 2026 Team Philly uniform items!
- 
- Uniforms will be available for shipping or pickup in early June
  - Extra uniforms will be available for purchase in the Team Office at the Transplant Games!

## 2026 Team Philly Uniform Set



# Uniform Distribution



- Uniforms were ordered this week
- Set to be delivered to us in early-June
- Early June distribution options:
  1. Pickup at Gift of Life Main Philadelphia office  
*(Saturday, June 6, 9am – 11am)*
  2. Pickup at Gift of Life Harrisburg office  
*(dates TBD)*
  3. Mailed to you
  4. Pick up in Denver!

# Show Your Philadelphia Spirit!



## Cheesesteak Hats

*\$20 each*

*Sold through Bill Soloway (Heart Recipient)*

*Email [wm\\_c\\_soloway@msn.com](mailto:wm_c_soloway@msn.com)*

*by June 1<sup>st</sup> to purchase yours!*

*Distribution of purchased Cheesesteak Hats will be  
through Bill at the Transplant Games in Denver*

# Sport Captains & Transplant Games Experiences



Sports Captains are selected by  
Team Philadelphia Managers

# Who's a Sport Captain?

- Sport Captains are **2026 Team Philly members that have participated in the Transplant Games before** and are familiar with how the specific sport is played at the Games
- Sport Captains are available for you to reach out to with **specific questions about their sport's rules and regulations**, along with their **overall experience** at the Transplant Games
- Additional sport captains pending!



# Donor Family Leads

**Lara Moretti**  
Director,  
Family Support Services  
Gift of Life Donor Program



**Pat Hieber**  
Wilmington, DE  
Donor Mom

Email: [lmoretti@donors1.org](mailto:lmoretti@donors1.org)

# Badminton Sport Captain



**Barry Beard**  
*Newport, PA*  
Kidney Recipient  
[prelude195@aol.com](mailto:prelude195@aol.com)

# Ballroom Dancing Sport Captains



**Al & Vicki Piccotti**  
*Martins Creek, PA*  
Cornea and Tissue Recipients  
[vjpicc@gmail.com](mailto:vjpicc@gmail.com)

# Bowling

# Cornhole



**Phil Snyder**

*Audubon, NJ*

Liver Recipient

[philip.n.snyder@gmail.com](mailto:philip.n.snyder@gmail.com)

**TBD!**

# Cycling



**Bill Soloway**

*Yardley, PA*

Heart Recipient

[wm\\_c\\_soloway@msn.com](mailto:wm_c_soloway@msn.com)

# Golf



**Todd French**

*Milford, DE*

Heart Recipient

[ntoddfrrench@gmail.com](mailto:ntoddfrrench@gmail.com)

# Track Events



**Onyi Kenine**

*Wilmington, DE*

Liver Recipient

[onyikenine@gmail.com](mailto:onyikenine@gmail.com)

# Field Events



**Bob Supplee**

*Conshohocken, PA*

Kidney Recipient

[suppler2@aim.com](mailto:suppler2@aim.com)

# Table Tennis



**Onyi Kenine**

*Wilmington, DE*

Liver Recipient

[onyikenine@gmail.com](mailto:onyikenine@gmail.com)

# Texas Holdem' Poker



**Todd French**

*Milford, DE*

Heart Recipient

[ntodd french@gmail.com](mailto:ntodd french@gmail.com)

# Darts



**Onyi Kenine**

*Wilmington, DE*

Liver Recipient

[onyikenine@gmail.com](mailto:onyikenine@gmail.com)

# Swimming



**Janet Dennis**

*Philadelphia, PA*

Heart Recipient

[janjandennis@icloud.com](mailto:janjandennis@icloud.com)

# New Sports Captain Opportunity!

Since only Division 1 athletes (solid organ recipients) can compete in Basketball and Volleyball at night, we'd like to open up an opportunity for

**Division 2 and Division 3 to be able to participate from the sidelines as a Captain!**

*If you're a Division 2 or Division 3 participant that would like to help Team Philly on the sidelines for Basketball or Volleyball, please email [TeamPhilly@donors1.org](mailto:TeamPhilly@donors1.org)!*

# Next Steps & Due Dates



# Next Steps

1. **Register for the 2026 Transplant Games!** ([TransplantGamesofAmerica.org](https://TransplantGamesofAmerica.org))
2. **Book your hotel room** ([TeamPhilly.org](https://TeamPhilly.org))
3. **Book your flight to Denver, CO**
4. **Submit your Team Yearbook Bio and Picture** (email to come from Annie Busarello after registering)
5. **Create your individual fundraising page** ([TeamPhilly.org](https://TeamPhilly.org))
6. **Sell tributes and ads in the Team Philly Digital Yearbook to go toward your fundraising**

| Date           | Item  |
|----------------|---|
| May 18         | Last day for <b>COMPETITORS</b> to register   |
| May 24         | Team Philly <b>Yearbook Submissions DUE</b><br>(Competitor, Donor Families, and Ads)  |
| Week of May 25 | Annie to email all sports partners  |
| June 1         | Status Update for <b>Waitlisted Sports Participants</b>   |
| June 4         | <b>Medical Waivers DUE</b> for D1 & D2 Competitors<br><i>Form on <a href="http://TransplantGamesofAmerica.org">TransplantGamesofAmerica.org</a></i> |
| June 6         | <b>Uniform Pickup</b> in Philadelphia (9am – 11am)<br>/ shipping date   |
| June 17        | Last day for <b>NONCOMPETITORS</b> to register  |

# Transplant Games Experiences



Dave and Liz Kennedy,  
Donor Family

# TeamPhilly.org

## Interested in getting emails about Team Philly?

[Sign up for the Team Philly Emailing List!](#)

Email (required) \*

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Yes, I would like to receive emails from Gift of Life Donor Program about Team Philadelphia.

Sign up

## Team Philadelphia is going to the 2026 Transplant Games of America in Denver, CO from June 18-23, 2026!

### Link Library

- Our next Team Philadelphia Meeting will be on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Gift of Life Donor Program, 401 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St Philadelphia, PA 19123 & on Zoom 10:30 am-1:30 p.m.
  - [Click here to RSVP for the meeting](#)
  - *The meeting will be recorded and posted on [TeamPhilly.org](#) the next day for those of you who can't make it.*
- Learn more about the [Transplant Games of America](#)
- Complete our [Team Philly Interest Survey](#)
- Watch the [1<sup>st</sup> Team Philly Meeting Recording](#)
- See the [1<sup>st</sup> Team Philly Meeting Slides](#)
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- See the [3<sup>rd</sup> Team Philly Meeting Slides](#)
- Promote Team Philly by downloading and sharing our [2026 Team Philadelphia Poster](#)
- Register for the [2026 Transplant Games of America](#)
- Create your own [Individual Fundraising Page](#) or donate to Team Philly at [give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026](https://give.donors1.org/TeamPhiladelphia2026)
- Order a Team Philly [Digital Yearbook Tribute or Ad](#)
- Book a room in the [Team Philly Hotel Block](#) (The majority of the team will be at the Sonesta Denver Downtown)
- Purchase items from the [Official 2026 Team Philadelphia Uniform Set](#)

# Stay Connected on the Team Facebook Page

**Team Philadelphia**

**Team Philadelphia at the Transplant Games of America**

Private group · 573 members

+ Invite Share

Discussion Featured Members Events Media Files

[www.facebook.com/groups/TeamPhiladelphia](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TeamPhiladelphia)

# Volunteer Opportunities with Gift of Life

- ✓ Community Events
- ✓ Adopt a DMV
- ✓ Adopt-a-High School
- ✓ Colleges/Universities
- ✓ Hospitals/Healthcare Centers
- ✓ Employer Engagement
- ✓ Houses of Worship
- ✓ Government Outreach
- ✓ Social Media Advocacy
- ✓ Special Interest
- ✓ Administrative/Office
- ✓ Gift of Life Howie's House



*Email Colleen Brand at [cbrand@donors1.org](mailto:cbrand@donors1.org) for more information*



# Questions?

Team Manager

Annie Busarello

[teamphilly@donors1.org](mailto:teamphilly@donors1.org)

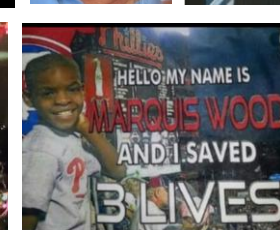
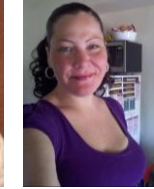
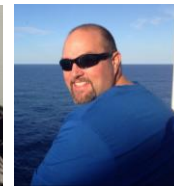
# Thank you for joining the 4th Team Philadelphia Meeting



Donor Families, please stay in  
the room for a short meeting

# Donor Tribute

- Michele Alford
- Stephen Boyes
- Richard "Rick" Brenner Jr
- Evan Bunting
- Michael Burns
- Richard Scott "Rickey" Colomy Jr III
- Will Fullmer
- Curtis Gano
- Lori J. Homko
- Kellie M. Jones
- Gregory J. Kennedy
- Jonathan G. Kennedy
- David M. Kennedy, Jr.
- Katherinale Mckinney
- Michael McVey
- Edward T. "Eddie" Milbourne, Jr
- Tracy Moses
- Jorge André Muñoz Sánchez
- Keith Reinhold
- William "Bill" Reinhold
- Anthony "Tony" Rivera
- Bob Sosna
- Edward Joseph "EJ" Summers, Jr
- Samuel David Wentz
- Chris Wilson
- Vera Lyn Wise
- David "Dave" Wise
- Marquis Wood
- James E. Zimmerman, Jr



*These donor heroes will be honored during the Donor Tribute on Sunday, June 21*