

## Resources to Address Social Determinants of Health Barriers to Transplant

March 1, 2022  
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.



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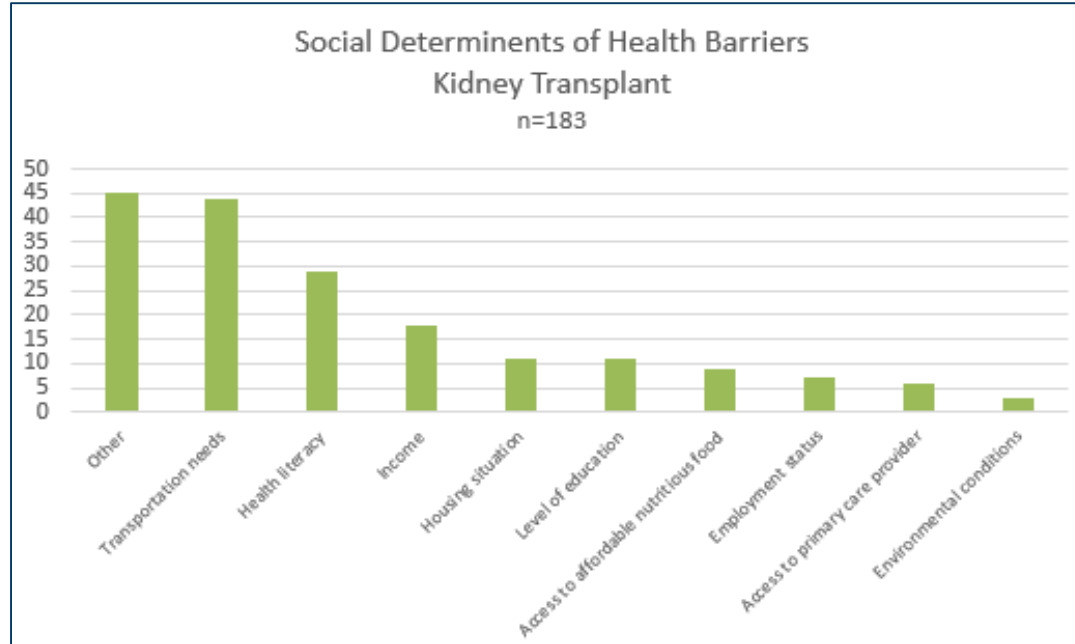


# Welcome

- **Eileen Edge**, Social Worker, ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant Program
- **Sharon Franceschini**, Outreach Coordinator, ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant Program
- **Nicole Scharf**, Associate Executive Director, Living Kidney Donor, National Kidney Foundation serving Delaware and Maryland



# Social Determinants of Health Barriers



Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the conditions in the environments where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship, and age that affect a wide range of health functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Healthy People 2030. Social Determinants of Health. <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/social-determinants-health>



# ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant

## Patient/Provider Resources

March 1, 2022





# Introductions



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Transplant Social Worker

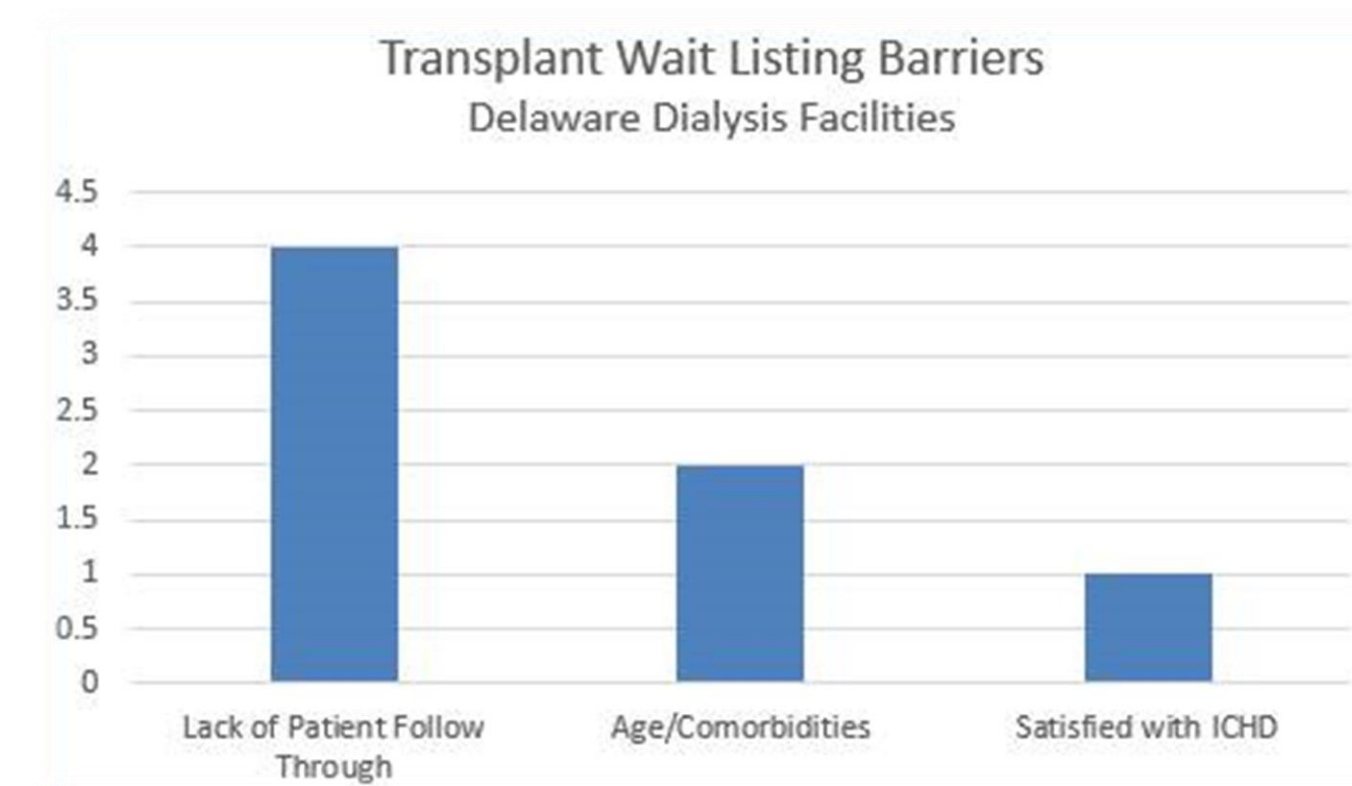
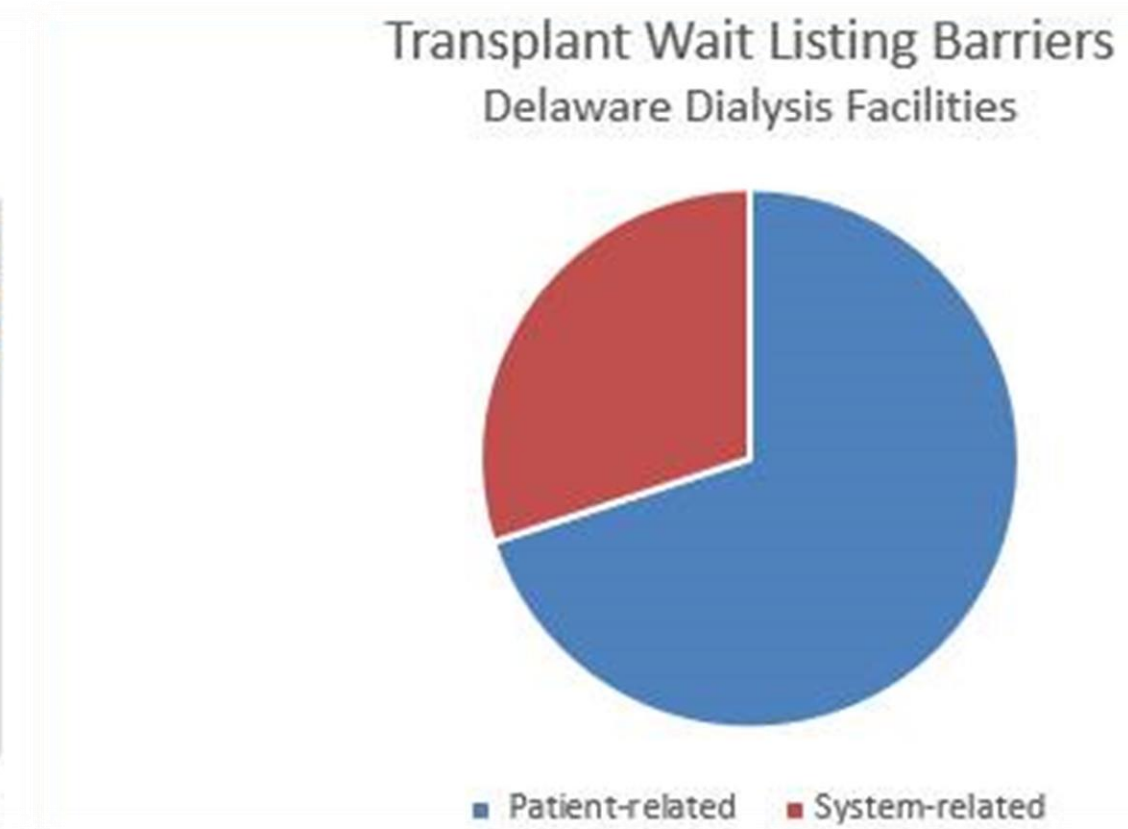
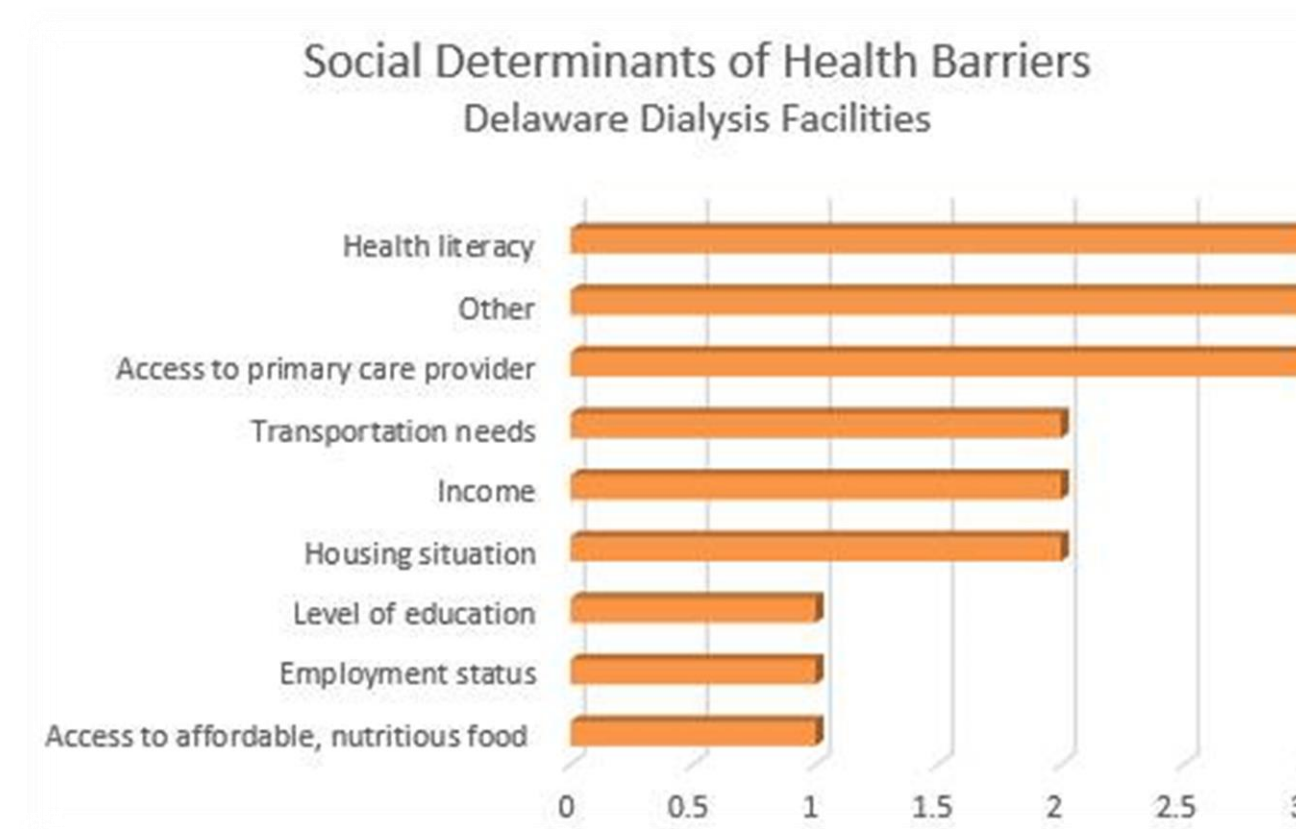


Sharon Franceschini  
Outreach Coordinator

# Quality Network Insights

## Social Determinants of Health Barriers

- Patients don't know who to call, where they are in the process or what they need to do
- Missed appointments/follow up
- Transplant center criteria
- Distance from transplant centers (transportation)
- Patient adherence to transplant evaluation screening/testing requirements
- Patient adherence to treatment
- Patient doesn't want to sign up due to their age
- Patients are not interested
- Patient satisfied with dialysis







# ChristianaCare Selection Criteria

(Similar to many transplant centers)

## Minimal Listing Criteria

- Patients with Cockcroft-Gault, creatinine clearance  $\leq$  20 ml/min
- ESRD patients on any type of renal replacement therapy
- Patients aged 18-75 years
- Psychosocial evaluation before placement on the transplant list
- Review of psychosocial evaluation by selection committee
- ABO documentation

## Absolute Exclusion Criteria

- Severe heart disease without possibility of intervention
- Other organ failure requiring transplant (may go to another program)
- Irreversible essential organ failure
- Current malignancy

# Recipient Evaluation to Listing Process

## Average conversion time from Evaluation to Listing

Pre-COVID baseline time: 120 days

COVID time: 206 days

Current average time: 120 days

1. Phone or Web Referral
2. Financial Clearance
3. RN Screening
4. Welcome Info Packet Completion
5. Evaluation Appointment Scheduled

1. CT of abdomen
2. Cardiology consult
3. Dental
4. Health maintenance\*\*

**Transplant  
cardiology consult  
and testing**

**Registration**

**Evaluation**

Separate Education (virtual options)  
and In-Person Evaluation

**Testing**

**Listing**

1. Check in Process
2. Vitals
3. Transplant 101 Education
4. Nephrologist
5. Financial Coordinator
6. Social Worker
7. Nutritionist
8. Pharmacist
9. Surgeon
10. Labs
11. Chest X-Ray

**Patient receives  
To Do List**

Required	Completed	Date Done
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Clearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GYN/PAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mammogram	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonoscopy	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lab Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chest XRay	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> CT Scan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transplant Cardiology Appt <small>*cost not covered unless you are a current patient of CCHS Transplant Program</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lose ____ pounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Quit Smoking	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Use CPAP nightly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Online Living Donor Training <small>https://cchshs.org/living-donor-transplant-training/next-test</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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1. Multi-disciplinary transplant team review of patient at weekly Selection Committee meeting.
2. If approved to be listed, then patient is registered with UNOS and placed on the national waitlist.
3. Patient is then required to complete Living Donor Champion training.



# Team Identified Barriers to Transplant

Insurance non-par

BMI: <45 for referral/evaluation; <38 for transplant

Patients with active illegal drug use.

Patients with psychosocial contraindications.

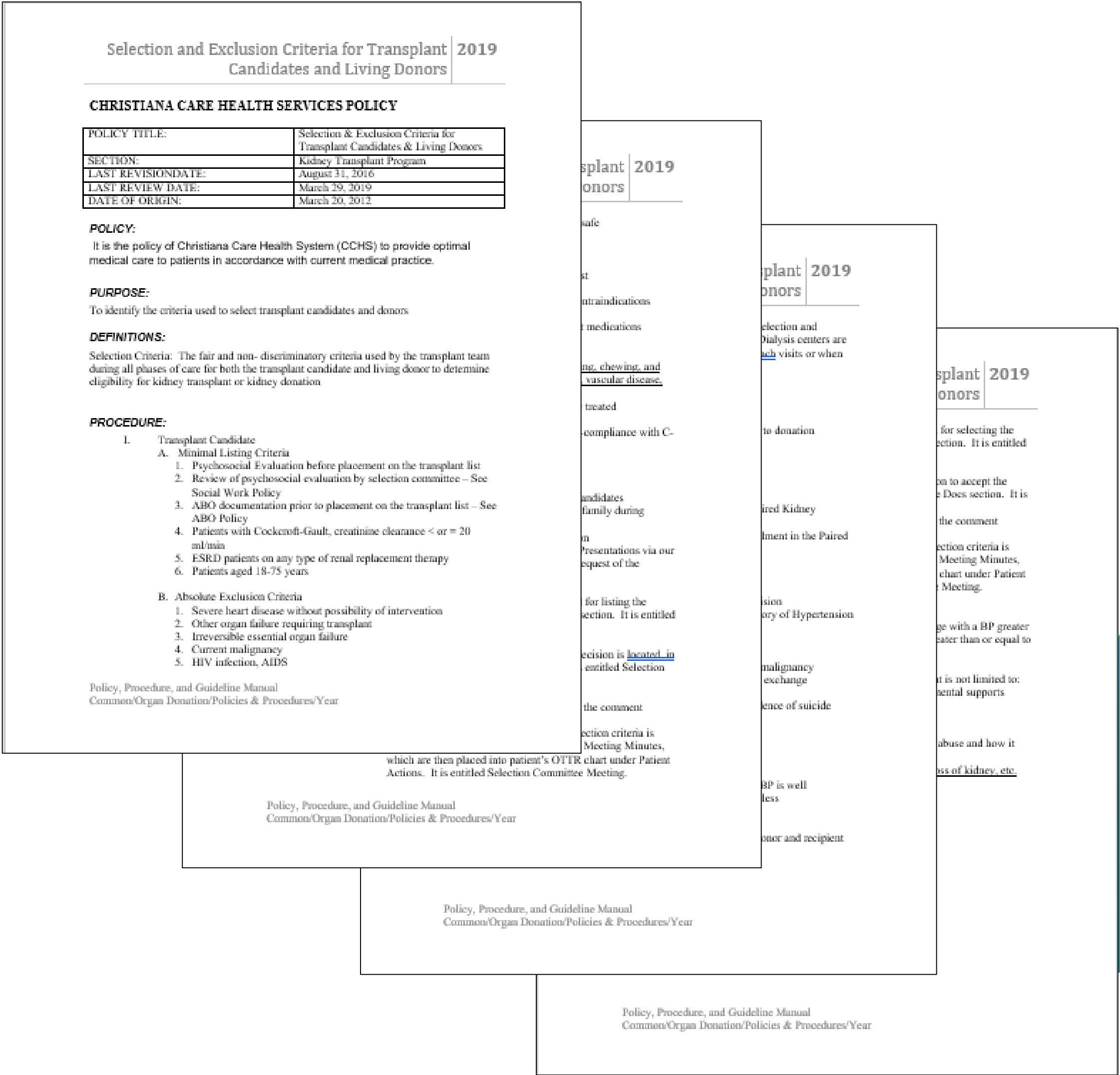
Patients with cancers that have been treated.

Patients with recurrent infections.

Tobacco abuse (smoking or chewing).

Untreated sleep apnea / CPAP non-compliance.

# ChristianaCare Relative Psychosocial Contraindications



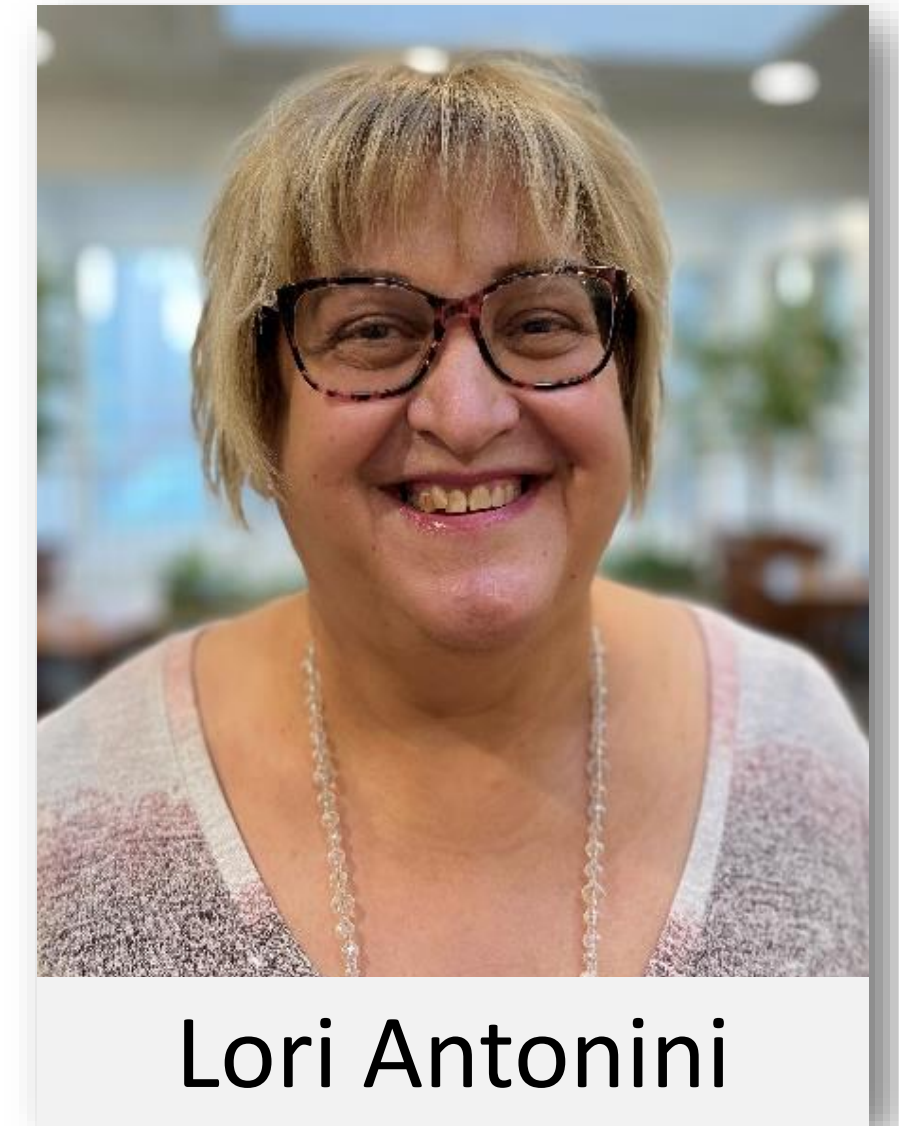
#3 Inadequate support system or psychosocial contraindications

#7 Untreated psychiatric illness

#12 Active illegal drug use:  
legal vs. non-medical marijuana



# Patient Navigator



Lori Antonini

- Acts as a guide focused on patient experience helping patients navigate the evaluation and pre-transplant process.
- Advises patients what to do with records, forms they must bring to visit and that new patient packets are received and returned.
- Follow up with patients regarding additional testing that may be required for listing.
- Responds to patient questions with compassion, resolving issues efficiently.
- Actively identifies and addresses barriers to care that might keep the patient from receiving timely and appropriate treatment and collaborates with appropriate staff.





## Waiting for a kidney?

ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant Program tips to keep you ready to go!

- Communicate changes
  - Contact information (i.e., address, phone #)
  - Insurance coverage
  - Having a blood transfusion
  - Any medical issues
- Stay consistent
  - Full dialysis treatments
  - Monthly blood work
  - Follow the diet recommended by the kidney doctor or dietitian.
  - Exercise regularly (Frailty test will be given: Goal is score of zero-Not Frail).
  - CPAP usage if needed
- Maintain your health
  - Visit Primary Care doctor for yearly physical.
  - Keep BMI below 38.
  - Control blood sugar (A1C level <9.0 x 3 consecutive labs).
  - Control Phosphorus (not to exceed 7.5 x 3 consecutive months).
  - Improve Protein (Albumin level > 3.5 x 3 months).
  - Control Potassium (<5.0).
  - QUIT smoking now. Call the Delaware Quit line at 1-866-409-1858.
  - See dentist to make sure your teeth and gums are healthy.
  - Only take medicines or supplements recommended by your doctor.
  - Schedule health screenings.
    - Mammograms
    - PAP smears
    - Prostate exam
    - Colonoscopy
    - Skin checks
- Complete Living Donor Champion training.

*For more information, contact the ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant Program at 302.623.3866.*

**Keep your  
patients ready for  
transplant!**

## Patient Self Referral Procedure

A patient can request an appointment with 1 of 2 options.

- ❖ Go to [www.christianacare.org/kidneytransplant](http://www.christianacare.org/kidneytransplant) and complete form at "Request an Appointment" link.
- ❖ Call our office to request an appointment 3

## Dialysis/Physician Referral

Complete "Kidney Transplant Referral" form ( )

- ❖ Patient Demographic sheet
- ❖ Insurance Information/Cards
- ❖ Medicare 2728
- ❖ Most recent patient care plan, progress note or in-center HD progress note  
(May also be known as physician rounding record)
- ❖ Record of immunizations (i.e., flu, pneumonia, and hepatitis)
- ❖ Medication List
- ❖ Social Work Summary
- ❖ Dietitian Summary
- ❖ One week of most current labs

**Please fax to 302-623-3864**

Please reach out to the transplant centers that you work with to establish a relationship for the benefit of your patients.

## Kidney Transplant Referral Form

Please fax form to: 302-623-3864

Nephrologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dialysis Center/Nephrology Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Patient Information

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Patient Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on Peritoneal Dialysis or Not on Dialysis

\_\_\_\_\_ or 3rd

- ☐ Patient Demographic Sheet
- ☐ Insurance information/cards
- ☐ Medicare 2728
- ☐ Recent care plan or progress note
- ☐ Record of immunizations (Flu, Pneumonia, Hepatitis)
- ☐ Medication list
- ☐ Social work summary
- ☐ Dietitian summary
- ☐ One week of current labs



Questions? Please call us at 302-623-3866.

**ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant Program**

4735 Ogletown-Stanton Road

Medical Arts Pavilion 2 (MAP 2), Suite 2224, Newark, DE 19713

Phone: 302-623-3866 Fax: 302-623-3864

[christianacare.org/kidneytransplant](http://christianacare.org/kidneytransplant)



# Monthly Activity Report and Samples

Christiana Care Health Services  
Activity Report

Prepared For:  
Your Dialysis Unit

FAX:

Below is our information to you regarding listed and evaluations in process at Christiana Care Health Services.

Patient	SSN	Referral Date	Phase	Listing code	Listing Date	Referring Physician	Last Eval	Last Clinic Visit	Yearly Eval Due
Franceschini, Sharon 123 Main Street, Magic Kingdom, FL 09876			Listed Status 1	Status 1	05/18/15		10/27/14	09/04/20	
Solo, Hans 555 Starlight Court, Kissmee, FL 88888			Evaluation				06/15/20		
Lord, Star 203 Galaxy Way, Milky Way, FL 34567			Evaluation				08/20/20		
Duck, Daisy 1111 Pond View Way, Orlando, FL 24242			Listed Status 1	Status 1	11/30/16		06/20/16	01/18/21	
Lightyear, Buzz 2050 Future World Drive, Lake Buena Vista, FL 67890			Listed Status 7	Status 7	03/04/20		08/26/19	06/18/20	
Mouse, Mickey 999 West Hollywood Road, Orlando, FL 24242		07/11/20	Referral						
Gator, Ali 990 Alligator Alley, Swampy, FL 99999		10/14/20	Referral						
Simpson, Homer 724 Evergreen Terrace, Springfield, FL 09876			Listed Status 1	Status 1	01/26/21		02/24/20	01/18/21	
Maximoff, Wanda 5555 Marvel Street, Westview, NJ 00000			Evaluation				01/23/20		
Disney, Walter 1180 Seven Seas Dr., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32836			Listed Status 1	Status 1	01/25/18		07/27/17	06/18/20	

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**In order to ensure patients are ready for transplant...**

**We need consistent serum samples on our listed patients.**

**(Kits are received and sent to Jefferson Tissue Typing lab or both Status 1 and Status 7)**

- Within 2 weeks
  - ✓ Immunologically sensitized
  - ✓ Recent sensitizing event (i.e., illness, injury, vaccination, transfusion, pregnancy)
- Within 1 month
  - ✓ Everyone else
- Please help support those on Home Dialysis to get their monthly blood work!



# TxAccess

- Provider access to their patient's transplant journey.
- Make a referrals online.
- Bi-directional communication.
- Upload requested documentation directly into patient chart.
- Providers can see patient status throughout evaluation process.
  - Visibility to outstanding testing
  - Access to documents related to evaluation (i.e., to do lists)
  - Review communications to patient/providers



**Coming  
March/April**



# Financial Support Specialists

- Executive order with Medicare covering post-transplant medicines
- State Chronic Renal Disease Program
- ChristianaCare Financial Services



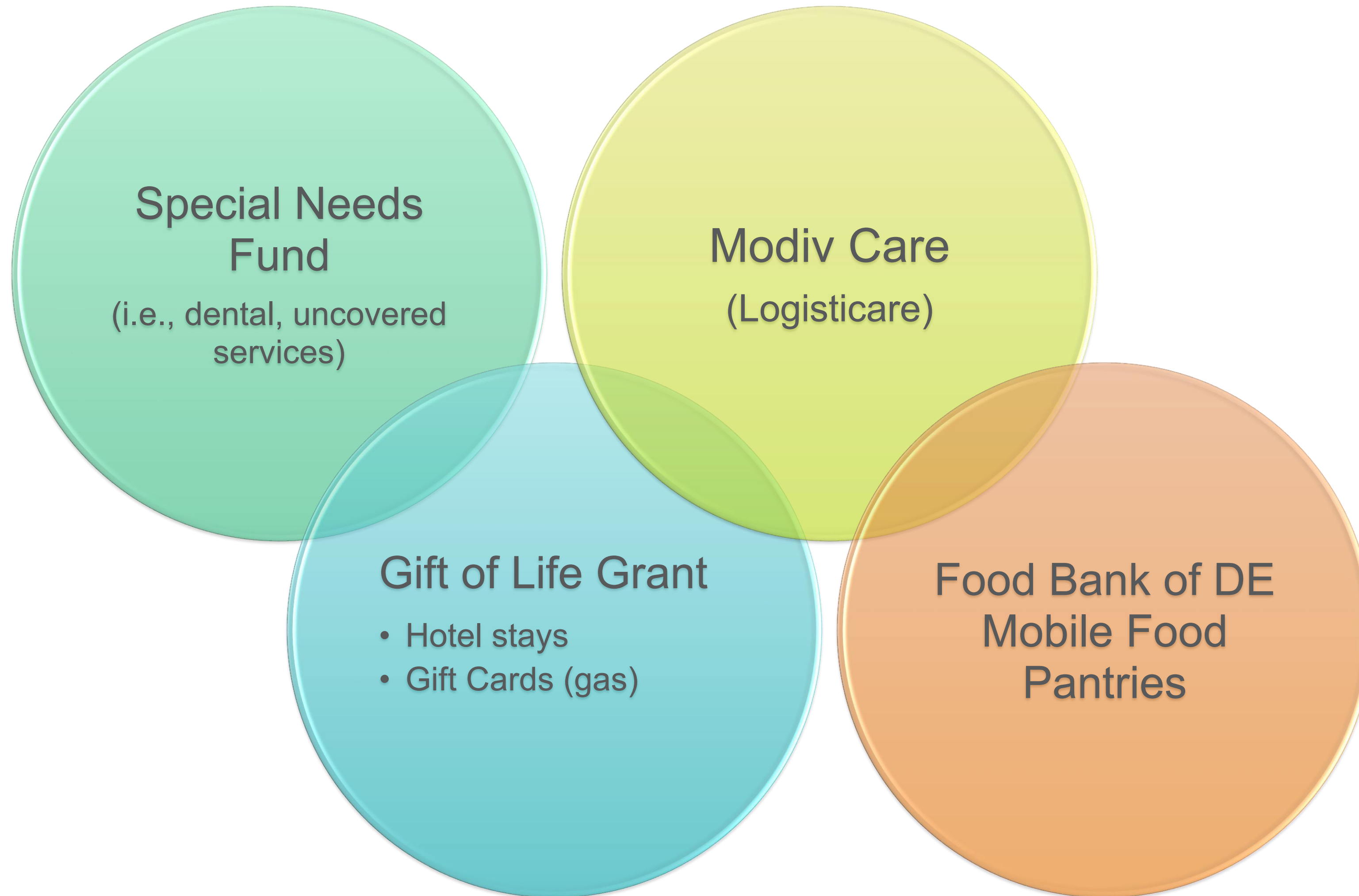
Barb Demyanovich  
Financial Coordinator



Myrna Rivera  
Financial Coordinator



# Social Work Support and Resources



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LMSW, CCM





# Program Resources



## Website Educational Resources

- Transplant
- Living Donation



## Translation Resources

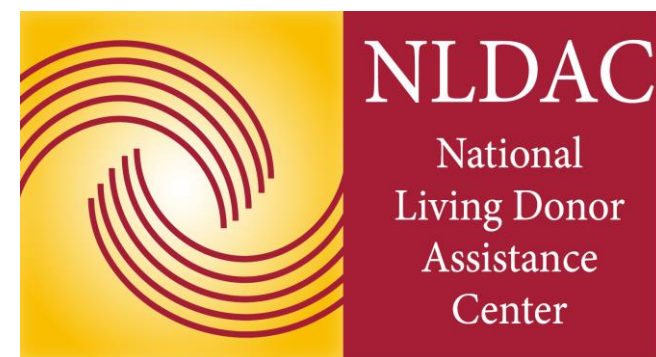
- Interpreter Services
- Persimmon—  
translation tablet



## Living Donation Resources

- Monthly LD Seminars
- National Living Donor Assistance Center

# Support for Living Donors



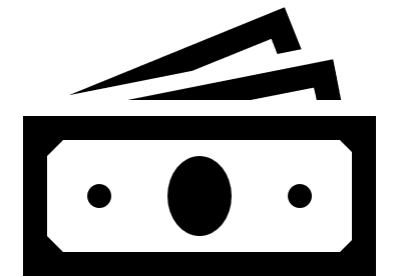
## Travel

- Transportation, hotel, and meals
- Covers the donor and a support person



## Lost wages

- 3 days of evaluation
- 4 weeks of surgery recovery
- 2 weeks for follow-ups or in case of hospitalization



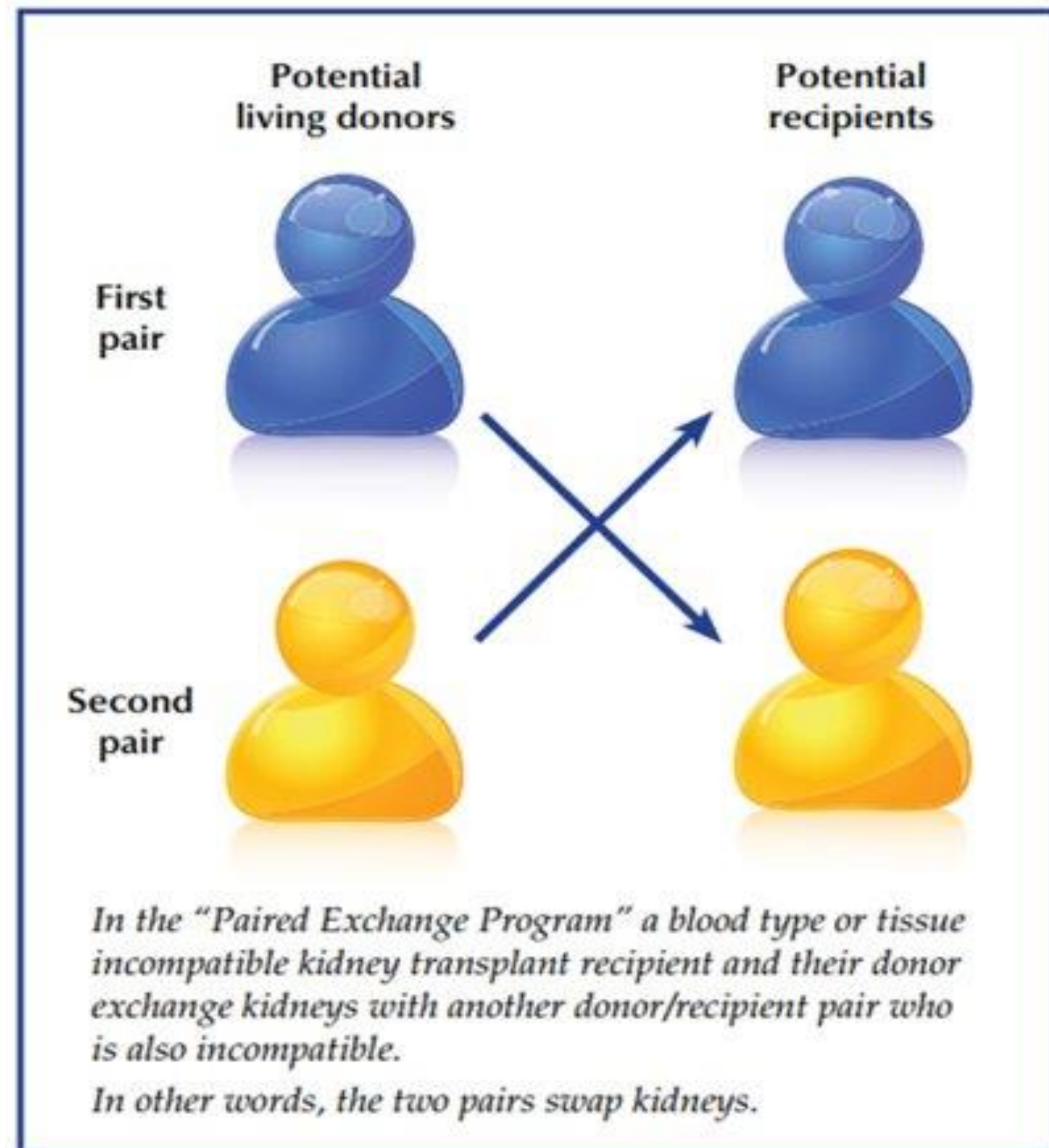
## Dependent care

- Up to \$60/day per child
- Up to \$72/day for an adult





# National Kidney Registry (NKR)






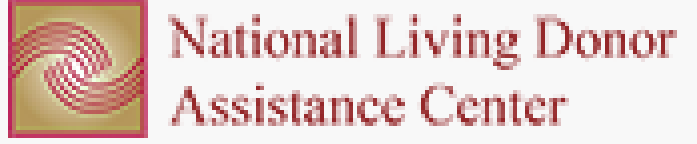


Exchange can be for blood/tissue mismatch, height/weight mismatch, age mismatch...or to try for better match degree to promote best graft longevity

Some donors may choose to donate into exchange even when compatible in order to gain the National Kidney Registry (NKR) donor benefits

- Lost wage
- Travel reimbursement
- Life/Disability insurance
- LD transplant in event of CKD/ESRD of donor
- Voucher Programs

# Online Resources List

<b>Explore Transplant</b> <i><a href="http://www.ExploreTransplant.org">www.ExploreTransplant.org</a></i>		Supports patients and care providers with educational programs and training seminars. Purpose is to help kidney patients make informed transplant decisions.
<b>National Kidney Foundation</b> <i><a href="http://www.kidney.org">www.kidney.org</a></i>		Provides information for patients, medical professionals and the public regarding Kidney Disease.
<b>United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)</b> <i><a href="http://www.unos.org">www.unos.org</a></i>		Provides information and data about transplants, living donation, the waiting list, and transplant centers.
<b>US Department of Health and Human Services</b> <i><a href="http://www.organdonor.gov">www.organdonor.gov</a></i>		Provides information about organ donation and transplantation.
<b>Organ Procurement &amp; Transplantation Network (OPTN)</b> <i><a href="http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov">http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov</a></i>		Contains all national data on the candidate waiting list, organ donation and matching, and transplantation. Provides Member Directory to allow patients to search for nearby transplant centers.
<b>National Living Donor Assistance Center</b> <i><a href="http://www.livingdonorassistance.org">www.livingdonorassistance.org</a></i>		Provides financial assistance with travel costs and expenses associated with living donation.



# Online Resources List

## American Transplant Foundation

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



Provides information, resources, and stories about kidney transplant. Perspectives are coming from medical professionals as well as transplant patients and donors.

## Living Kidney Donors Network

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



Promotes education to the general public about living kidney donation as well as provide specific information to patients so that they can effectively communicate their needs.

## National Kidney Registry

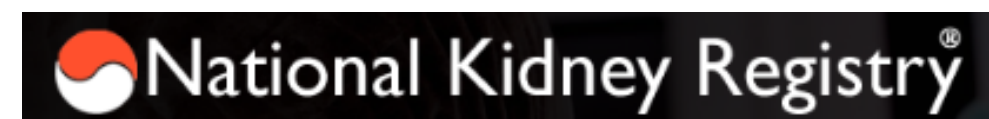
[www.kidneyregistry.org](http://www.kidneyregistry.org)



Uses advanced technology and large pools of donor/recipient pairs to find better matches through "paired exchange."

## Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation

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



Provides a service that helps educate people about paired donation. Additionally, helps to connect people with others they know will be compatible.

## Give a Kidney

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



Provides information about the benefits of becoming a kidney donor. This includes education about safety, the operation specifics, and the before/after process.





Thank you!

ChristianaCare Kidney Transplant

302.623.3866

[christianacare.org/kidneytransplant](http://christianacare.org/kidneytransplant)





**Welcome!**  
**Dialysis Center Staff**  
**and Patient**  
**Resources**



National Kidney Foundation

# PATIENT NETWORK

## NKF Patient Network NOW LIVE!

The National Kidney Foundation is thrilled to introduce the NKF Patient Network, **the first nationwide registry for people at all stages of kidney disease** that will advance both patient education and clinical research in kidney disease.

**The NKF Patient Network will allow all patients with kidney disease to:**



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Easily enter their health data and connect to other patients with kidney disease online.



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To learn more, come visit us at  
[www.kidney.org/nkfpatientnetwork](http://www.kidney.org/nkfpatientnetwork)

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# PEA – Patient Emergency Assistance Program

## Only in the Maryland and Delaware

### What is the PEA program?

A significant portion of dollars donated to the National Kidney Foundation Serving Maryland and Delaware (NKFMDDE) is dedicated to the **Patient Emergency Financial Assistance Program (PEA)**. Kidney patients often find themselves in severe financial situations, unable to work and needing assistance to meet emergent, daily expenses such as transportation (to and from dialysis), food, medication, dental and other medical expenses, rent and utilities.

NKFMDDE reaches out to assist kidney patients reduce monetary stresses that negatively impact their health by **distributing grants of up to \$200 per applicant once in a 12-month period** per patient. The process is facilitated by area social workers who complete the online application necessary to process for each patient. NKFMDDE reviews applications for approval and checks release weekly.

# What does the program fund?

## The Patient Emergency Assistance Program funds requests for:

- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Rent (must include the Eviction Notice and the balance cannot be over \$500, payments are not approved or paid to family members)
- Medication
- Utilities (must include a Turn-Off Notice and the balance can not be over \$500)
- Dental/Vision (must include documentation from the medical provider of the services needed)
- Food (gift cards for food are processed and sent to the social worker to distribute to the patient typically from Giant but NKFMDDE does look at the zip codes and areas on a case-by-case manner)
- Clothing- the only item that we will pay for are compression socks
- Transportation/Essential Auto Repairs (we do not reimburse for repairs completed and paid for prior to the application being submitted)
- Other (requests outside the listed items are considered on an individual basis)

# What is NOT funded?

## Items not covered under the Patient Emergency Assistance Program:

- NKF **does not** provide premium assistance to help kidney patients pay for health insurance coverage
- Telephone services (land lines or cell)
- Clothing/Shoes (the only exemption is for compression socks)
- Cable and/or Internet Services
- Furniture
- NKF **does not** reimburse for expenditures that a patient pays for in advance

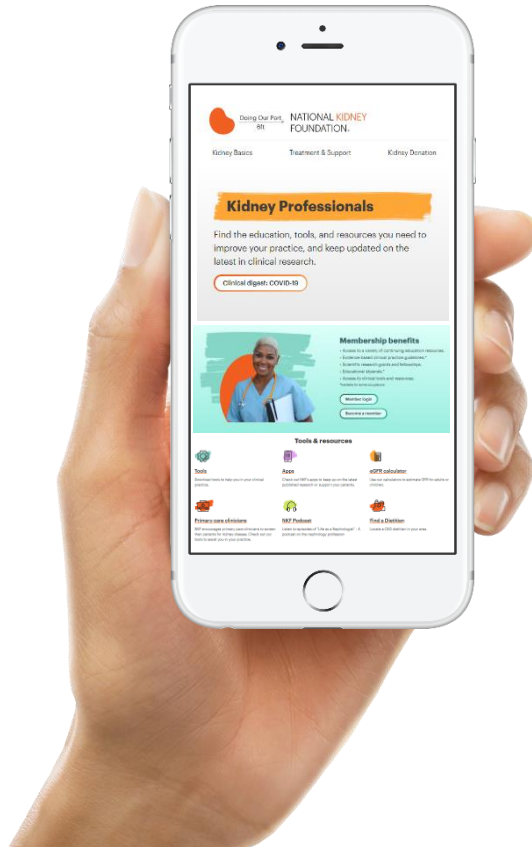
# How Do I Apply?

- This link is ONLY to be used by you, the Social Worker, or a Physician
- Patients CANNOT apply on their own
- One application per patient per year
- We are a last resort payer

<https://kidneyforms.tfaforms.net/4727563>



# Who Do I Contact With My Questions?



- NKFMDDE maintains a listing of all the Social Workers and key contacts at the clinics within our market.
- It is important that we have current information for each clinic.
- Should there be a change in Social Workers at a clinic and/or you would like to provide additional contacts/information, please send updates and contact information to Sandy Boesenberg at [sandra.boesenberg@kidney.org](mailto:sandra.boesenberg@kidney.org).
- Please bookmark this link as a reference guide and check periodically for any updates/revisions:

<http://www.kidneymd.org/patient-services-and-resources/>

Main Telephone Number: 410.494.8545

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



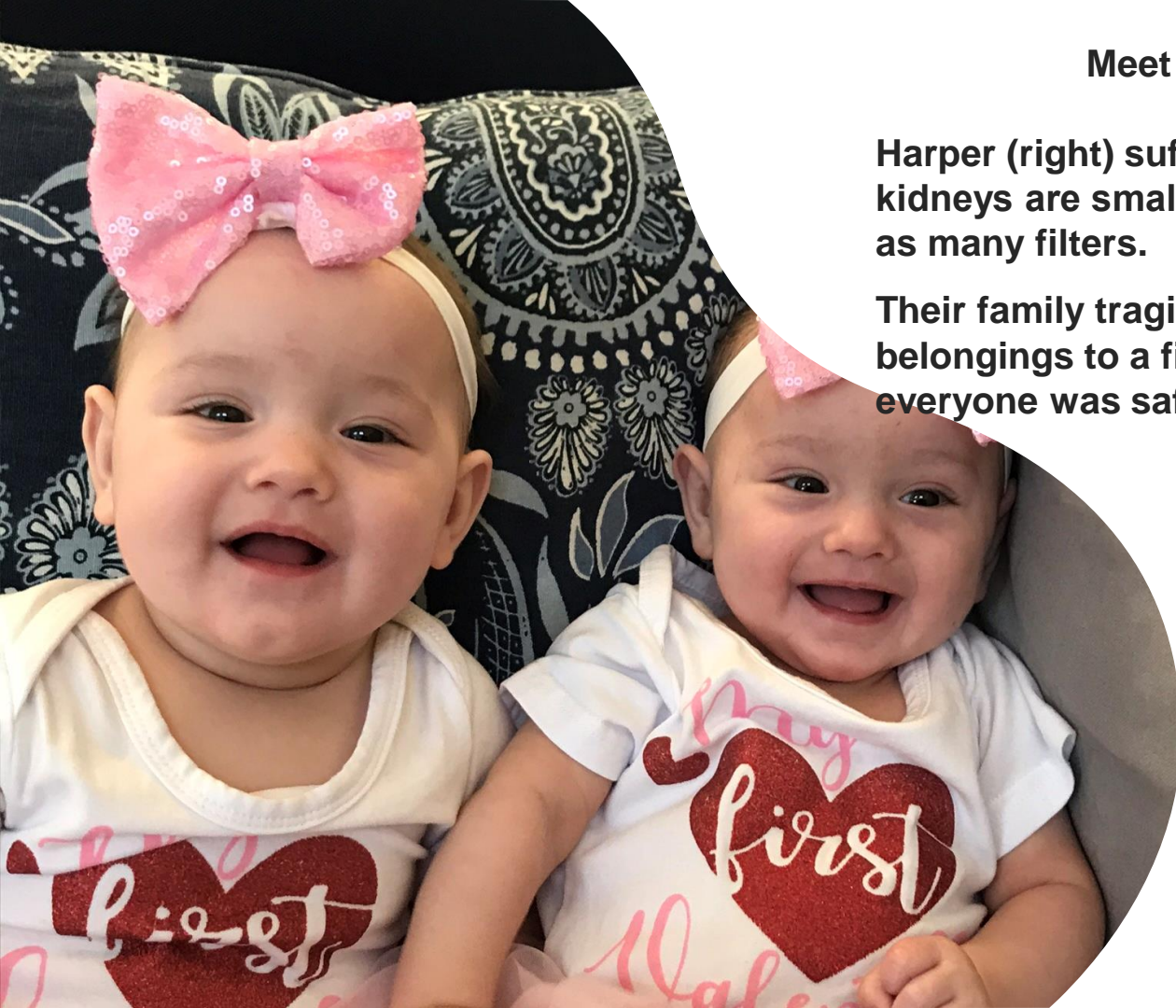
## **Gary Cassell**

**Gary was a patient at Deer's Head Hospital Center for 14 years. Here he is pictured with Stephanie Elliott who was the Chair of the Salisbury Kidney Walk. Gary was the recipient of several grants throughout the years, mainly funds to get him to and from dialysis center treatments as his health started to fail.**

**Gary was very active in the Salisbury Renal Support Group and made many friends who he remained close to right up to the end.**

**Sadly, Gary passed away on July 25, 2021 and his memorial was held in November on what would have been his 71st birthday.**

**We miss you each day Gary and dedicate our work to you.**



## Meet the Gallagher Twins!

**Harper (right) suffers from kidney disease. Her kidneys are smaller than normal and don't have as many filters.**

**Their family tragically lost their house and all belongings to a fire recently. Fortunately everyone was safe but they needed help.**

“Thanks to the generosity of donors, the NKF was able to help us purchase a new piece of equipment for Harper”

– Christina Gallagher



## Why I Walk

“Hi, my name is George Dryden of Team Dryden. I participate in the Kidney Walk each year to give back. Without the NKF, I would not have always made it to and from my dialysis treatments”

– Mr. Dryden quoted May 2018



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# **HOT TOPICS**

## **IN KIDNEY HEALTH**



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NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

- **Subscribe today to Hot Topics in Kidney Health, a podcast by the National Kidney Foundation for kidney patients, their family members and care partners, living donors, and anyone interested in kidney health.**

**<https://www.kidney.org/podcast/hot-topics-kidney-health>**



Helping patients and families  
share their story and find a  
living donor.

Supporting people interested  
in donating a kidney.



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[kidney.org/livingdonation](https://kidney.org/livingdonation)

# WHY ARE WE HERE?



- To Learn...
  - About living donation kidney transplant
  - Strategies to find a living donor
  - Tips to share your story
  - Resources for more information
- Family/friends will learn how to be an effective advocate for the kidney patient.





**Bust Myths**



**Create Your  
Story**



**Spread the  
Word**



**Know the  
Facts**



**Build a  
Network of  
Advocates**



**Learn from  
Others**

**Create an Action Plan**

- **The key to finding a donor is to share your story**  
(as a patient OR family/friend of a patient).
- “Starting My Story” worksheet in your packet.
- **No one will see your worksheet but you**, so be honest even if some parts are difficult.



NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION



FREE WEBINAR

# FIRST STEPS TO TRANSPLANT & FINDING A LIVING DONOR

**Sunday, April 3**  
**12:30pm–4:30pm**

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Learn how to find a living donor.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

In Partnership With:



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TRANSPLANT CENTER



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**THE BIG ASK: THE BIG GIVE**  
**First Steps to Transplant & Finding a Living Donor**

Are you or is someone you know interested in learning more about kidney transplant and living donation? If you answered yes, then this event is for you! In this interactive program, you'll learn about the transplant evaluation process, ways that you can share your story to find a living donor as well as hear from patients who used the same skills to receive a living donor transplant!

**Sunday, April 3**

12:30pm Visit Virtual Exhibitor Booths

1:00pm-2:15pm- **Session 1: First Steps to Transplant**

2:30pm-3:00pm- **Breakout Session**

3:15pm-4:30pm- **Session 2: Finding a Living Donor**

Register by March 27 at:

**<https://sforce.co/3JQTLc1>**

**Questions? Contact:**

Pattie Dash, Executive Director

[pattie.dash@kidney.org](mailto:pattie.dash@kidney.org) | 410.494.8545



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- Connect with other kidney patients, transplant recipients, or living donors through **NKF's online communities**.
- Get answers and support from other patients, caregivers, and living donors in an online forum monitored by NKF.
- Remain anonymous

- Transplant: [healthunlocked.com/nkf-kidneytransplant](https://healthunlocked.com/nkf-kidneytransplant)
- Living Donation: [healthunlocked.com/nkf-donors](https://healthunlocked.com/nkf-donors)

## About our Advocacy Community

NKF supports and amplifies the voices of patients, donors, care partners, and professionals through our Voices for Kidney Health advocate community. By recruiting and engaging a diverse array of stakeholders from all facets the kidney community, we propose meaningful, actionable legislation and policy to improve the lives of kidney patients nationwide. Our Kidney Advocacy Committee, Kidney Outreach Team, and Public Policy Committee are comprised of dedicated advocates that advise, review, and focus our government relations efforts in ways that will be most meaningful to our community.

<https://voices.kidney.org/>





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[DoMore24Delaware.org](https://www.domore24delaware.org)

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<https://www.domore24delaware.org/fundraisers/national-kidney-foundation-delaware>



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# Thank you!

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# Questions





# Thank you

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