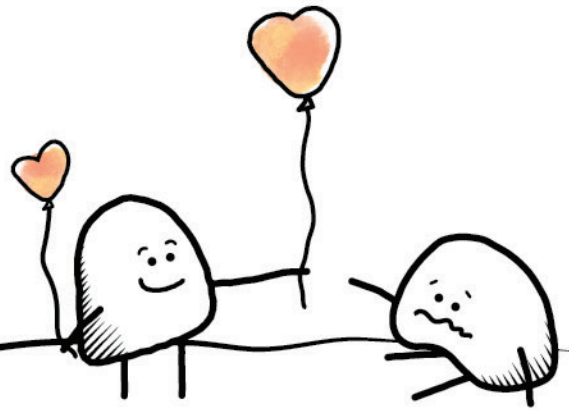


the living donation



The Living DoNATION is a group of people that share the mission of making a life-saving difference through, you guessed it, living donation - and changing the world for the better as we go.

You see, people are born with two kidneys, but they only need one to lead a full, healthy life. Living-kidney donors give one of their kidneys to someone whose kidneys have failed. By this selfless act, they are able to save another person's life.

There are a number of reasons to care.

You're someone who cares about people, which makes you a perfect citizen of The Living DoNATION. And when you see the numbers, you'll know why we need you to learn about living-donor kidney transplant, so you can give hope to others.

100,000

That's a lot of Americans who need a new kidney and are waiting for a kidney donor.



That's how often another person is added to the waiting list for a kidney transplant.



Someone could wait that long for a kidney.



Sadly, that's how many people will die each day while waiting for a kidney.



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The number of kidneys a person needs to live a full, healthy life.

Some Good Signs



It's awesome that this is how many kidney donations now come from living donors.

And that number keeps going up.





Ask away!

You probably have some questions when it comes to living donation. That's okay - and even good - that you do. Here are answers to a few of them that are asked a lot.

“why aren't there enough organs available?”

It's pretty rare for people to be able to donate organs after they die. Only about three in 1,000 people die in a way that allows for organ donation (and only half of those consent to donation).

“what are the benefits to living donation?”

Kidneys from living donors last nearly twice as long! If everyone in need of a kidney transplant had a living donor, there would be no waiting list.

“is it dangerous?”

Living donation is much safer than you think. While recovery times may vary, those who choose to donate usually go home after one or two days. And they can live a full and healthy life.

“can I do it?”

Living donors need to be between 18 and 75 years old, be in good health, and go through a complete health exam. But the most important thing is that they have an unselfish desire to help a person in need. You know, just like you have.

“so what can I do?”

Simply spread the word about living-donor kidney transplant. That way you can support the mission of - and be a part of - The Living DoNATION.

“how can I learn more?”

www.thelivingdonation.com

