

CLOSING THE GAP: *Achieving Equity in  
Kidney Transplantation*



More than **96,000** people on the national transplant waiting list are waiting for a kidney.<sup>1</sup>

**IN 2020**



Compared to **deceased donor** kidney transplants there were **significant racial differences** in receiving kidneys from **living donors**.<sup>2</sup>

Black people were **less likely** to get a kidney from a living donor.<sup>2</sup>

◀ **6x**

Hispanic people were **less likely** to get a kidney from a living donor.<sup>2</sup>

◀ **4x**

**IN 2021**

**>780K**

patients were living in the US with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD)<sup>3</sup>

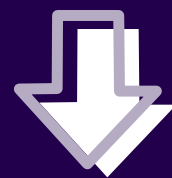


**~60%**

of patients on the kidney transplant waitlist were **non-White**.<sup>4</sup>



Underrepresented minorities were less likely to receive a transplant vs White patients despite greater ESKD prevalence.<sup>4</sup>



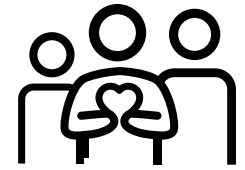
To learn more about how living kidney donation can save a life and transform yours, turn the page.

# Living Kidney Donation Stories



## What is living donation?

- Living donation offers a way to save a life by donating an organ while you're still alive. This can reduce the wait time for a transplant for those who might otherwise face a long and uncertain period on the deceased donor waitlist.
  - The average wait time for a deceased donor kidney is **3-5 years**.<sup>5</sup>
  - On average, a kidney from a living donor lasts about **15 to 20 years**.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2023, **6,257 lives** were saved thanks to living kidney donors.<sup>7</sup>



## Real Stories from Real People:

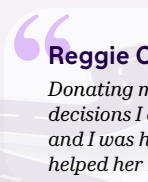
### Self-advocating is a vital part of your patient journey.

Hear from donors and recipients as they share their experiences with kidney donation and transplantation.



**Alana Hunnicutt-Carroll**, Kidney recipient

*It is my mission to inspire, support, educate, and find fellowship with my fellow kidney warriors. Being a Kidney Transplant Connector presented me with that opportunity, and I am so grateful.*



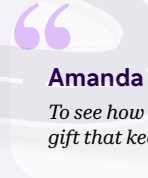
**Reggie Carroll**, Kidney donor

*Donating my kidney to my wife was one of the best decisions I ever made—learned a lot about myself, and I was happy to do something that not only helped her but was a gift to the whole family.*



**David Rodriguez**, Kidney recipient

*I would never imagine that I could make a difference in someone's life.*



**Amanda De Leon**, Kidney donor

*To see how much my father's life changed was the gift that keeps on giving.*

## How can I make a difference?

- Educate others and encourage them to learn more<sup>3</sup>
- [Click here](#) or Scan the QR code.



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