CLOSING THE GAP: *Achieving Equity in Kidney Transplantation*



More than **96,000** people on the national transplant waiting list are waiting for a kidney.[1]

IN 2020



Compared to **deceased donor** kidney transplants there were **significant racial differences** in receiving kidneys from **living donors**.[2]

Black people were **less likely** to get a kidney from a living donor.[2] **« 6x**

Hispanic people were **less likely** to get a kidney from a living donor.[2] **« 4x**

IN 2021

>780K

patients were living in the US with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD)[3]



~60%

of patients on the kidney transplant waitlist were **non-White.**[4]



Underrepresented minorities were less likely to receive a transplant vs White patients despite greater ESKD prevalence.[4]



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.**[5]
  - — On average, a kidney from a living donor lasts about **15 to 20 years.**[6]
- In 2023, **6,257 lives** were saved thanks to living kidney donors.[7]

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[3]
- **Click here or Scan the QR code.**

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