

Dear Friends:

My wife Anne Clare suffered a life-threatening medical condition 4 years ago which left her now with Stage 4 Chronic Kidney Disease. Stage 4 means that Anne's kidneys are failing. The kidneys help the body to filter blood and get rid of poisons, salt, and water. Without kidneys that work, people can become very sick and eventually pass away.

Anne's doctors have told us that the ideal treatment for kidney failure is a kidney transplant. The doctors have said that the best type of kidney transplant is from a living donor. A kidney transplant from a living donor would mean that Anne wouldn't have to wait years for a transplant. A transplant from a living donor also has the best chance of working for many years.

During Anne's evaluation at the Cooperman Barnabas Transplant Center, we learned that in the United States, there are over 100,000 people on the waiting list for a kidney. Each year, only about 11,000 of those patients are fortunate enough to get a kidney transplant from someone who has died and donated their organs. We are hoping Anne will be able to find a living donor so that she can avoid dialysis .

If you would like to learn more about living donation, the staff at Anne's Transplant Center are wonderful and available to talk with you confidentially. The Transplant Center staff can talk to you about the living donation process and what is involved and answer any questions. Please fill out a living donor questionnaire at CBMCLivingDonor.org and a member of the Living Donor Institute will contact you to discuss. You can also call 973-322-5028. Calling for information and education or filling out a living donor questionnaire does not obligate you in any way.

We realize that donating a kidney may not be right for everyone, or it simply might not be the right time. Donating a kidney is a very personal decision that requires not only education about the risks and benefits, but also thoughtful consideration and the support of loved ones.



Thank you in advance for your support.

Fondly,
Lisa Hilling