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**KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT HOSTS BENEFIT**

**Big Dog Daddy Fest to raise money for the Gift of Life Donor Program and the National Kidney Foundation**

(Hamlin, PA) The 4th annual Big Dog Daddy Fest will be held August 17th, 2013 by Ed "Big Pappa" Vetrano and his family. After receiving a kidney from his daughter, Trish, in 2010 Ed has dedicated his life to supporting the organizations which helped him. This year, the Fest will honor Colin Liddy, a 9th grade student at Wallenpaupack Area High School who passed away in February of this year. The Liddy family donated Colin's organs through the Gift of Life Donor Program.

The Fest will be held at the Salem Masonic Lodge in Hamlin, PA from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $10 per person; children under 10 are free. All proceeds will benefit the Gift of Life Donor Program and the National Kidney Foundation. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Benneco's Beef & Brew in Hamlin, PA or Big Dog Daddy's at the Lakeside in Lake Ariel, PA.

Special guests will include former WWE superstar Rikishi Fatu and "Rocky" impersonator Mike Kunda. The event will also feature a live WXW C4 Wrestling show as well as the annual hot dog eating contest, live music and flea market vendors.

Ed began the Big Dog Daddy Fest four years ago while he was still on dialysis awaiting a transplant. After finally allowing his daughter to be tested as his donor, he found a perfect match and received the gift of life. Ed explains his passion for the event, saying, "I will never be able to repay my daughter, Trish, for the gift she has given me but through the Big Dog Daddy Fest I can give back to the organizations which helped my family and I through such a difficult time. The event has grown each year and I hope it will continue to grow this year in memory of Colin."

For more information on the wrestling show, visit <http://www.wxwc4.com/wxwc4-to-participate-in-big-dog-daddy-fest-13/>

See our event listing on the Gift of Life Foundation page: <http://www.donors1.org/event/v/1/8/2013/17/>

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