



# Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program

August 1, 2020

*Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community*

Hello OTAP members and newsletter recipients,  
July was a serendipitous month for OTAP. Around the beginning of July, W. Houston Dougharty, received a life saving kidney transplant from a former student. He is a vice president of a university near New York City but is from New Mexico with family members living in Albuquerque, Clovis, Espanola, and Anthony. In order to celebrate he had a birthday fundraiser on Facebook designating OTAP as the beneficiary. The total amount raised was \$2,990. We appreciate his generosity and will use these funds to continue our mission of promoting organ donation awareness and supporting the transplant community. ~Evelyn Rivera

## *2020 Scholarship Winners* (Essays are sent as attachments to email)



*Josie Ippel will be attending Seattle Pacific University to study Nursing.*



*Zane Peterson will be attending George Washington University to study International Affairs*

## *Congratulations Transplant Recipients*

<b>Nancy Dodge</b>	<b>Kidney Recipient</b>	<b>August 1984</b>	<b>36 years</b>
<b>Bert Clemens</b>	<b>Kidney Recipient</b>	<b>August 10, 2000</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Pauline Goolsby</b>	<b>Kidney Recipient</b>	<b>August 5, 1986</b>	<b>34 years</b>
<b>Philip J. Hargis, Jr.</b>	<b>Heart Recipient</b>	<b>August 14, 2012</b>	<b>8 years</b>
<b>Elsie Anaya</b>	<b>Kidney Recipient</b>	<b>August 31, 1975</b>	<b>45 years</b>



American Society for Transplantation

Help Us Keep the Momentum and Urge Congress to Pass Kidney Immuno Coverage Legislation!

There is momentum within the U.S. Congress to make a difference in the lives of kidney transplant patients. Last week, the full House Committee on Energy and Commerce unanimously passed H.R. 5534, the Comprehensive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act (referred to as the "Immuno Bill"). This vote was a critical next step toward ensuring that transplant patients can secure the lifesaving immunosuppressive medications they must take to maintain a life-saving transplant.

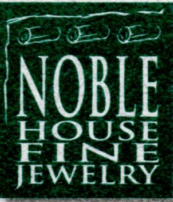
Senate bill S.3353 and House bill H.R. 5534 are companion bills aimed to improve patients' access to immunosuppressive drugs, helping recipients maintain their transplants and hopefully avoid future kidney- related health care complications. The AST is asking you to help by participating in this new grassroots campaign. Even if you previously reached out to your House and Senate representatives, this legislation continues to advance, and every contact helps to keep it moving.

Contact your Congressional representatives to request support and swift approval of the Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act (S. 3353 and H.R. 5534) during the 116th Congress.



#### TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

We will have a support group in my home on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 10:00 am. Email me to RSVP, so I can provide adequate spacing. [rioreal@earthlink.net](mailto:rioreal@earthlink.net) -Evelyn

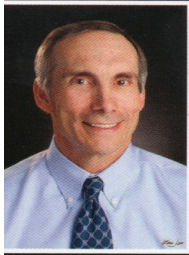


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### OTAP Mission Statement


The mission of Organ Transplant Awareness Program is to promote organ donation and support transplant community members including transplant candidates, donor families, living organ donors, transplant recipients, and transplant families. We promote organ donation by participating in a variety of community events. Our support group meets one time per month with those who need support or are seeking information about the transplant process.

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