



Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program

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Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community

Support Group: Friday, March 3, 2023, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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Happy Spring!

We received 8 scholarship essays this year, readers are scoring the essays and the winner will be announced in April. It was pleasant surprise to learn that Bonnie Raitt's song about organ donation received the Grammy award for Song of the Year. Her story about the song is included in this newsletter. Many thanks to Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino for sponsoring the Anatomical Gift on License Bill in the last few years. A lot of time and effort went into creating this bill by Senator Ortiz y Pino and the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee. I will continue to advocate for this bill until it is passed. -Evelyn

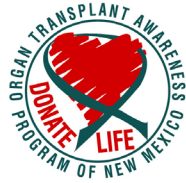


Judith McKinney

Liver Transplant

March 18, 1993

30 yrs



2023 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address for organization communications only _____

_____ I would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically.

_____ \$15 Individual membership _____ \$25 Family membership _____ Donation

All contributions are tax deductible

Please make checks payable and mail to: **PO Box 37217**
Albuquerque, NM 87176

_____ **Candidate:** Organ/Tissue Type: _____ Date Listed _____ / _____ / _____

_____ **Recipient:** Organ/Tissue Type: _____ Date Received _____ / _____ / _____

2nd transplant date –month day year: _____ / _____ / _____

_____ **Donor/member of a Donor Family:** Donor Name _____ Organ/Tissue Type _____

Transplant date –month/day/year: _____ / _____ / _____

_____ **Friend of OTAP**

Opportunities - Please check all that apply:

I would like to volunteer: promotional events _____ fundraising events _____

Personal information such as phone number _____ and address _____ may be shared with others.

I would like to be a reader for the scholarship award _____

Suggestions _____

Thank You for your support!

Bonnie Raitt's Grammy-Winning Song of the Year Tells Story of a Mother and Her Child's Heart Recipient

written by: [Corey Bryant](#)

<https://www.organdonationalliance.org/article/bonnie-raitts-grammy-winning-song-of-the-year-tells-story-of-a-mother-and-her-childs-heart-recipient/>

On Sunday, February 5, Bonnie Raitt took home the Grammy for [Song of the Year](#) for her self-penned song, "Just Like That."

"Just Like That" tells a story of a mother's journey after the loss of a child, the healing power of organ donation and the connection between a donor family and a recipient. Through powerful lyrics, a mother gets to be with her son one more time because of the kindness of a stranger, and because of the kindness she first showed him.

The Alliance congratulates Bonnie Raitt for her Grammy Award-winning Song of the Year, and we extend our heartfelt thanks for bringing awareness to the profound power of organ, eye and tissue donation. We invite everyone to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor by visiting [RegisterMe.org](#), and sharing your decision with your loved ones.

The following is an excerpt from [American Songwriter](#), describing the origins of her award-winning song:

The Origins

In conversation with [American Songwriter](#), Raitt explained the inspiration for "Just Like That" came from a human interest piece that had been broadcast on the news. The story was about a woman who had donated her son's heart after his death and was about to meet the organ's recipient for the first time.

"I just lost it," Raitt said of the moment the man let the mother hear her late son's heart in his chest. "It was the most moving and surprising thing. I wasn't expecting it. I vowed right then that I wanted to write a song about what that would take."

And so she set out to write the story song, "Just Like That," and her subsequent album of the same name. In between her words of disbelief, she reiterated the story behind the song in her Grammy acceptance speech, citing the late great John Prine as instrumental inspiration as well.

“Every time I hear about a family donating organs when their child has been killed, or there’s some sort of sudden death—as if you’re not in grief and shock enough—to have the view and the compassion and the love to be able to pay it forward like that is so incredible,” Raitt told American Songwriter.

“Just Like That” tells the story of the meeting of the mother and the recipient, depicting an interaction that is both heartwarming and gut-wrenching.

I watched him circle 'round the block / Finally stopped at mine / Took a while before he knocked / Like all he had was time, the song begins with curiosity and apprehension ahead of the bittersweet meeting. *“Excuse me, ma'am, maybe you can help / The directions weren't so clear / I'm looking for Olivia Zand / They said I might find her here.”*

Well I looked real hard and asked him / “What she’s got he’s looking for?” the song’s narrator responds. Met with the reply *Said “there’s somethin’ I think she’d want to know,”* the tune takes off on a touching journey of loss and love.

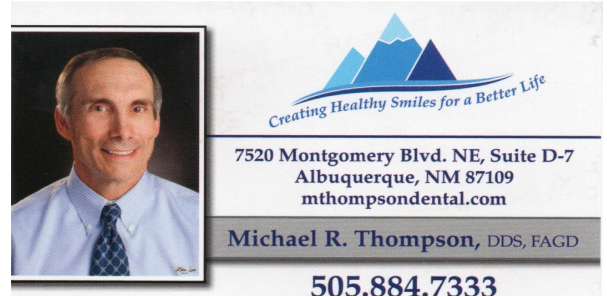
And just like that your life can change / If I hadn't looked away / My boy might still be with me now / He'd be 25 today, the chorus plays, *No knife can carve away the stain / No drink can drown regret / They say Jesus brings you peace and grace / Well he ain't found me yet.*

The next verse reveals why this stranger has come and what it is he has to say. *He sat down and took a deeper breath / Then looked right in my face / “I heard about the son you lost / How you left without a trace / I've spent years just trying to find you / So I could finally let you know / It was your son's heart that saved me / And a life you gave us both.”*

Just like the exposé that inspired “Just Like That,” the mother gets to be with her son one more time because of the kindness of a stranger, and because of the kindness she first showed him.

And just like that your life can change, the song comes to a close. *Look what the angels send / I lay my head upon his chest / And I was with my boy again / Well I spent so long in darkness / I never thought the night would end / But somehow grace has found me / And I had to let him in.*





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 once a month for those who need support or are seeking information about the transplant process.

