



Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program

January 3, 2022

Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community

Support group, Friday, January 7, 2021, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Evelyn's home email for more information - rioreal@earthlink.net

Happy and Healthy New Year!

I hope your holidays were pleasant and peaceful. My family resumed our traditions and enjoyed each others company. There is still no word if our organ donation bill will be added to the governor's agenda. Thank you to those who submitted letters, emails, and made phone calls. My presentation to the New Mexico Public Health Association was well received and the association has given their endorsement to our bill. As predicted the number of transplants in America reached a new record of over 40,000. I look forward to new records being set in 2022.

The scholarship application is included in this newsletter. Here is a message from scholarship chairperson.

Hello All,

Happy Holidays! It's also the time of year to get together the team of readers for the 2022 scholarship essays! Please reply to silverlopez@aol.com to let me know if you will be a reader and also let me know if you prefer to be an initial reader, a final reader, or both. Due to fund limitations, one scholarship will be awarded in 2022, chosen from all essays submitted in both Personal and Informative categories.

Numbered essays will be sent to initial readers by February 16, 2022. Initial readers will score the essays using the rubric we provide (it's easy to use) and then return results to me by March 2. Finalist essays in each category will be sent to final readers by March 9. Final reader results must be returned to me by March 24 so winners can be determined and notified by April 1.

The OTAP scholarship program depends on its readers, so please let me know if you want to be part of the 2022 Essay Contest reader team. If you know of anyone else outside OTAP who could be a good reader and wants to participate, please share this info with them. It's interesting and fun to read the essays that are submitted!

Thanks very much!

Margaret Lopez, 2022 OTAP Scholarship Chairperson



Transplant Recipient Anniversaries

Doris Alrick

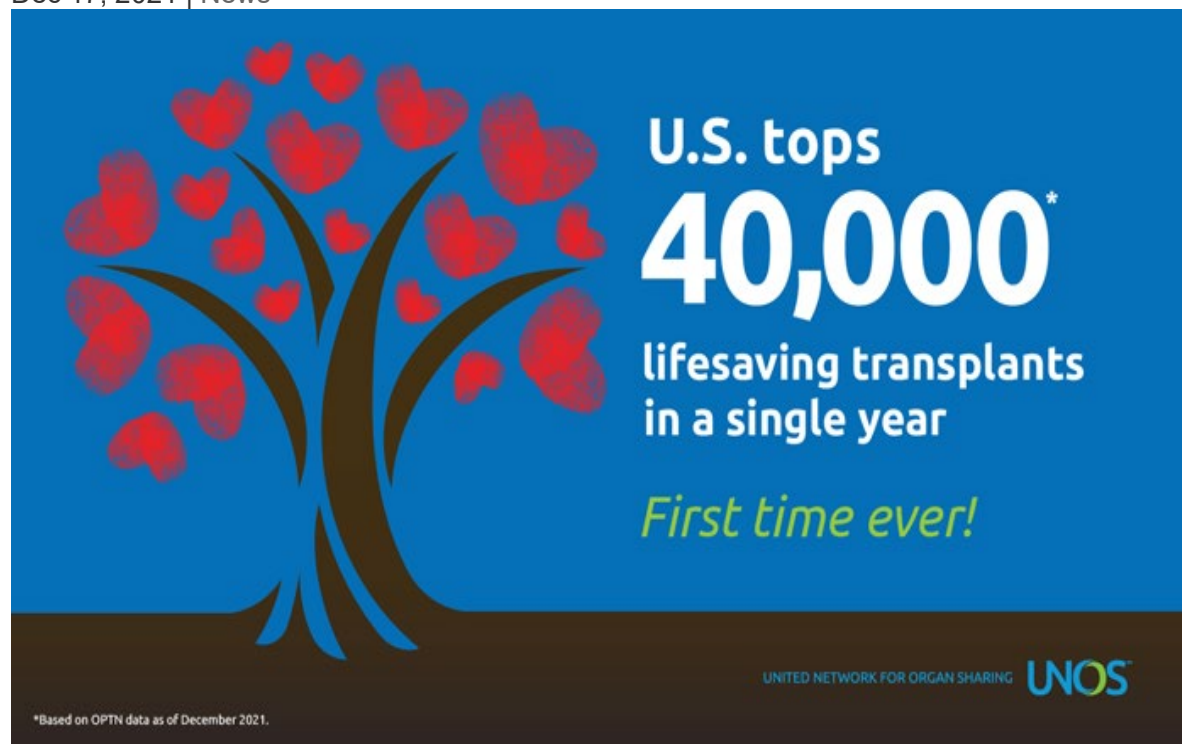
2nd Kidney

January 6, 2014

Linda Weil

Kidney

January 12, 2012 10 years!



Today, Dec. 17, 2021, the U.S. has officially surpassed 40,000 transplants in one year, a historic first for the nation. This is according to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the engine that powers the national organ donation and transplantation system under contract with the federal government.

2020 marked the 10th consecutive record-breaking year for organ donations from deceased donors and the 8th in a row for deceased donor transplants.

"Reaching 40,000 organ transplants in a single year is a testament to the lifesaving work being done day in and day out that makes our donation and transplantation system the highest performing in the world," said Matthew Cooper, M.D., president of the UNOS Board of Directors. "It is also a testament to the generosity of so many inspiring donors and their courageous families who gave the gift of life.

"This news serves as a reminder that no matter what challenges we face as a nation, our community of doctors, patients, donor families, hospitals, organ procurement professionals, and advocates are dedicated to building on past successes to save even more lives. But there is always more work to do."

As of today, 106,962 men, women and children are on the waiting list for a transplant, which is at the lowest it has been since 2009. The list topped 124,000 at its height in 2014.

"Every one of us has the potential to save multiple lives by registering to be an organ, tissue and eye donor," Cooper said.

Matthew Cooper, M.D., FACS, is president of the UNOS Board of Directors, Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation at [MedStar Georgetown Transplant Institute](#) at [MedStar Georgetown University Hospital](#), and a professor in the department of surgery at [Georgetown University School of Medicine](#).



Organ Transplant Awareness Program Organ Donation Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors!

This is an essay contest sponsored by Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico. This year there will be ONE \$500 scholarship awarded to a New Mexico high school senior. The award is in memory of Betty Montoya, kidney recipient and Jaime Munoz, double lung recipient.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting New Mexico youth with higher education. Currently 800 New Mexicans await life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, many of these candidates will die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we help people make informed decisions about registering to be an organ donor.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior enrolled in New Mexico public, private or home school.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Intend to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school.

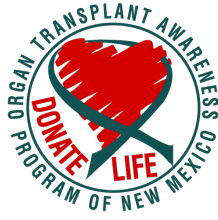
TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the attached application.
2. You may choose to write your essay on either of two topics:
 - a.) A Personal Story involving organ transplant or tissue donation.
 - b.) An Informative Essay on organ transplant or tissue donation.
3. All essays must be a **minimum** 2 full pages, 1" margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman font, **plus** a title page with applicant's name, essay title and state either "Personal" or "Informative".

SELECTION PROCESS

- An impartial selection committee will evaluate each application and essay. Upon review of all applications, the final committee will select the winning essay for awards.

Awards will be sent to the institution the student plans to attend upon verification of enrollment. The award may be utilized for school related expenses (tuition, fees or books) Recipient will need to provide photo identification, college student ID and address of college's financial aid office. Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students. Also, please post in the teacher's lounge, counseling offices, and on websites.



Essay Contest Application Form

Deadline February 14, 2022

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____ Phone _____

High School _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

Description of extra-curricular activities (school and /or community)

List the College, University, Vocational, or Technical school you plan to attend.

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions (you may add another page)

Please email your essay as a Microsoft Word Document organdonation@otapnm.com with “**OTAP Scholarship Essay**” in the subject field. Note: All essays will become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico, Inc. for the purpose of future publication in any media format. Your award will be sent to your college’s the financial aid office. Winning Scholarship essays will be published on our website, OTAPNM.COM and used for promotional purposes.



2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM
2021 memberships were extended through 2022

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: **OTAP,**
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:** Name _____ Organ/Tissue Type _____

Recipient _____ 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.

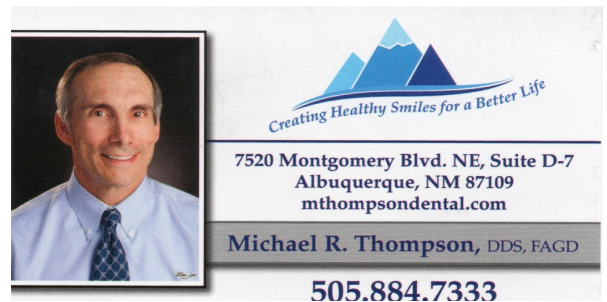
I am interested in working with the scholarship team _____ newsletter team _____ support group _____

I only want to receive the monthly newsletter. _____

Suggestions _____

_____ **Newsletter Sponsor (\$100 Annual Donation)** please send business card for ad in newsletter

Thank You for your support!



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

