



Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program

March 2021

Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community

***The Support group will be meeting Friday, March 12th from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
please email me for details rioreal@earthlink.net.***

As many of you are aware, Senator Ortiz y Pino has sponsored legislation to include an organ donation registration option on all professional and recreational license applications and renewals in the State of New Mexico. The bill is SB 251 Anatomical Gift Option on License. The bill was introduced to the Health and Public Affairs committee on February 24th and received a DO PASS recommendation. The bill now heads to the Tax, Revenue, and Transportation committee. The bill can be found at nmlegis.gov.

I hope that many of you will send in emails to your state legislators and the Tax, Revenue and Transportation committee in support of this bill. Emails should be limited to 300 words with "Vote yes on SB 251 in the subject line. On the next page is the oral testimony I will deliver throughout the process. Sadly, several people who have attended our support group meetings throughout the years have not received transplants. Hopefully, we can help those on the wait list. - Evelyn



Transplant Recipient Anniversary

Judith E. McKinney

Liver Transplant

March 18, 1993

28 years !!!



Oral Testimony dated 2/24/2021

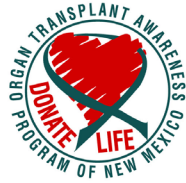
Mr. Chair and members of the committee, my name is Evelyn Rivera, I am alive today due to receiving two liver transplants thanks to the generosity of a 45 year old woman and a 22 year old woman, who chose to be organ donors. Therefore I am compelled to help New Mexicans who are awaiting lifesaving transplants. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as of February 9, 2021, there were 740 New Mexicans on the waitlist; 654 are waiting for kidney transplants, 65 waiting for liver transplants, while others wait for heart, lung, pancreas and intestinal organs. The two transplant centers in Albuquerque performed 87 transplants last year. Currently, it is a 5-6 year wait for a kidney transplant in New Mexico. Those waiting for liver, heart, and lung transplant must travel to other states. The segment of the population most affected are minorities who comprise 74% of the wait list. Waiting for a transplant is a financial burden for many families because many are unable to work and it is a psychological burden because you know you will die without a transplant.

The New Mexico statute in regards to organ donation is the "Jonathan Spradling Revised Anatomical Gift Act that permits organ donor registration via the Department of Motor Vehicles. One way to increase the number of registered organ donors is to add an organ donor registration option on all professional and recreational license application and renewals.

In September 2019, Iowa adopted "Logan's Law" that allowed registration on hunting or fishing licenses. In the first year, 2,900 new donors were added. By voting yes on SB 251 the number of registered organ donors will increase, waiting times for receiving an organ will decrease, and most importantly many New Mexican lives will be saved.

Thank you for allowing me opportunity to speak and thank you for your service.





2021 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: **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.

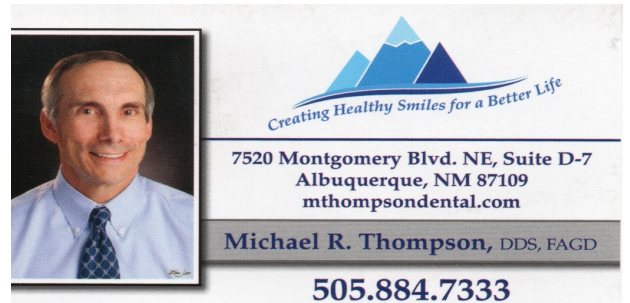
I am interested in working with the scholarship team _____ newsletter team _____ support group _____

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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people need a lifesaving organ transplant.

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Amazon will make a donation to OTAP quarterly.

Or copy and paste this address to your browser:

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3654972>

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.

