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Transplant Families Midwest

Welcome to Transplant Families-Midwest. Our Chapter is a branch of the Transplant Families regional. We provide Hope, Inspiration and Education for families that are pre-transplant, who have just been listed, or are post-transplant. Feel free to check out our website (transplantfamilies.org), as well as following us on Facebook at (facebook.com/transplantfamilies/). We will be holding our first Informational and Educational meeting at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital's downtown building on October 6th, and this year we will also be at the annual Lurie Transplant. Please stop by so we can answer any questions you may have, and provide information about what we do and how we can help you.

Current Information

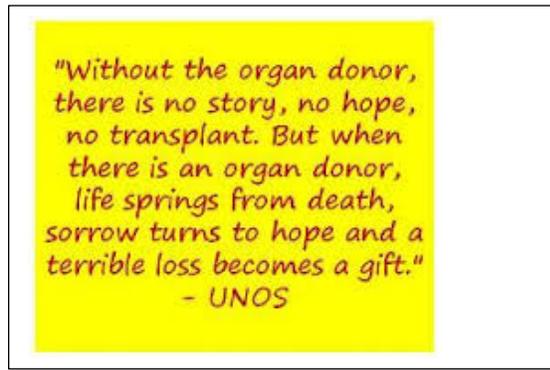


Illinois became the 47th state to allow minors age 16 and 17 to identify as organ donors on their drivers licenses. As of January 1st 2018, you can sign up to be an organ donor when you get your driver's license or state ID in Illinois, though children should still talk to their parents. Secretary of State Jesse White says "Our main priority is to save lives. This new law is an important step in reducing the number of Illinoisans on the waiting list."

<https://www.lifegoeson.com/news/2017/171227d1.pdf>

Is your child a very recent transplant recipient? We have celebration boxes available on request. We currently have boxes available for preschoolers and teen/tweens. These boxes are to help you celebrate coming home from transplant and contain a t-shirt, pillow case to color and some other fun items. Let us know if you would like one and we can get that out to you! All of the celebration boxes are free and are funded through donations and are powered by Shoogie Box.

Please contact Stacy at skh@cobaltjacket.com, Christina at christinapayton@gmail.com or Jen at jcliff16@gmail.com for more information.



 Ann & Robert H. Lurie
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Upcoming Events



On September 15th, Transplant Families will be at Lurie's annual Celebrate Life picnic for transplant recipients and their families. We are hoping to raffle off some more "guts" plushies. These are cute stuffed plush "dolls" which resemble various organs, and the variety will be determined based upon anticipate demand. Stop on by to see which guts we have and to get a chance to win a "gut" of your own, as well as to see what we can do for you and your child!

On October 6th we will be having our first Transplant Families Informational. We will have presenters talking about how to stay healthy during cold and flu season as well as what to do if your child does come down with an illness while pre or post-transplant. We will also be serving lunch with this and allowing time to converse with other transplant families. Please follow us on Facebook to keep up with us and for details about this and other upcoming events!

<https://tinyurl.com/TFmidwest>



The 2018 Donate Life Transplant Games (similar to the Olympic Games, but solely for transplant recipients) are being held in Salt Lake City, Utah this year. Follow this website (transplantgamesofamerica.org) to monitor the events. Will your child be participating? Let us know so we can follow along and spotlight them on our Facebook page (with permission of course!)



We also wanted to highlight the Make-A-Wish foundation, with whom we have partnered with. This year, their Walk for Wishes (a fundraiser walkathon) is Sept 30 in Busse Woods. If you're available, they would love to see you there! We are highlighting this now so that you have time to sign up! https://secure2.wish.org/site/TR?fr_id=2924&pg=entry Registration is at 9 am, with the first walker starting at 10 am!