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Greenburgh Town Hall
177 Hillside Avenue
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Janet M. Ocasio-Stiffler

Janet M. Ocasio-Stiffler is the out going co-president of the Transplant Support Organization (TSO). Under her leadership, TSO expanded its base of support to include partnerships with

organizations including the New York Blood Center, Westchester Medical Center, the Putnam Department of Health, and the Acocella Foundation. By providing education, support, and outreach through TSO, Janet embarked on a public policy campaign in cooperation with local and national organizations to address the many issues that make NYS 50th in organ donations in the country, a reality about her home state she finds unacceptable.

Always seeing the value of education and service, Janet attended Fordham University with a scholarship for her undergraduate studies. She later attended Hunter School of Social Work and earned her master's degree in social work.

Despite academic successes, Janet struggled through most of her adult life with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis and its implications for her life in the future. It was a progressive, potentially fatal illness for which there was no treatment and no cure. She also had her growing family to consider; her youngest son was 2 years old when she received this devastating diagnosis. After she began to research her condition and seek out treatments and interventions, she was led to her only option: transplantation. However, she quickly learned one very hard fact... organs for transplantation were scarce because of the lack of donors, causing people to die every day waiting for a transplant. She learned about the hardest, uncontrollable aspects of transplant procedure, like waiting lists and scoring systems. For 13 years, she learned to wait.

In the meantime Janet committed herself to living a full life with her disease. She continued to work in her profession, eventually becoming vice president for ambulatory services at a progressive long term care facility. She chaired committees and presided over professional organizations, serving on the Governor's Task Force on Aging, and worked on a National Council on Aging Committee to help to develop a framework for the President's Task Force on Aging under the Clinton Administration. She made professional presentations, wrote papers, and devoted herself to serving the disabled, frail, and elderly. All the while, not a day went by where Janet did not consider the limitation of her time and what awaited her. She hid her illness as much as she could because the stigmas attached to liver disease and cirrhosis, misconceptions which were born out of ignorance. Janet's children and family were her primary obsession in life. During her illness she strove to make every moment count, wanting them to have every opportunity that life could offer. She took countless photos, went to every ball game and concert, talked, played, and learned to cherish every moment with them. Throughout all of this there was always a dark and ominous cloud that hung over her head, and despite her best efforts she thought about her illness every day. She knew life was not a given for anyone, but her illness offered certain predictions on the progress of her life without receiving a transplant, making the unknown seem uncomfortably clear. Still, her family life thrived. She was proud to see her children go on to earn degrees from West Point, New York University, and the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Transplant Support Organization meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month (with some exceptions) at **Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607**

Schedule for Monthly Meetings

7:00 p.m. — Social Time; 7:30-9:00 p.m.— Meeting and program for evening

May 20 – Dr. Joseph Askinasi, Chiropractic Orthopedist, specializing in Applied Kinesiology: **“Living in Wellness”**

Future Meeting Agendas

June 17 – Ted Lawson, TSO, TRIO Manhattan, TRIO National - Public Policy Committee, WaitListZero: **“Legislative Update”**

July 15 – Transplant Stories: Discussion

August – Weekend Picnic: TBA

For directions to our meeting, donor registration form, and further information, please check our website: **www.transplantsupport.org**

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Or email us: **email4tso@gmail.com**

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The UNOS National Patient Waiting List

Candidates as of 5/08/2015

101,694	patients waiting for a kidney transplant.
15,272	patients waiting for a liver transplant.
1,073	patients waiting for a pancreas transplant.
2,025	patients waiting for a kidney-pancreas transplant.
242	patients waiting for an intestine transplant.
4,208	patients waiting for a heart transplant.
40	patients waiting for a heart-lung transplant.
1,611	patients waiting for a lung transplant.
123,292	TOTAL PATIENTS

Every 12 minutes a new name is added to the waiting list.

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Letter from the Presidents

Presidents' Letter – Spring, 2015

Dear TSO participants and friends of TSO,

Is the winter finally over? We hope so, even though we as recipients, caregivers, donor families, and living donors, can find it easy to ignore the cold and the snow and remember our thankfulness for life.

In the world of TSO, spring brings new activities, growth, and change. And this newsletter features many articles about our new activities and our growth and our zest for life.

We mention our Run/Walk event in the planning stages now to occur in the Spring of 2016. We've already set in motion the activities for our holiday party scheduled for December 7, 2015, at the DoubleTree in Tarrytown again this year. We talk about a good friend who just had a liver and kidney transplant in March, 2015, and is well on the road to recovery. And there are many more articles we think you will find interesting.

But it's change that we want to mention, in particular. Our new Co-President is Gerard Marinaccio, who's agreed to step up to even more activity and function with TSO, and we're very happy to have him in this leadership role.

We have a new public member of our Board, Rob Billman. Rob is from Pleasantville and has long been active in civic organizations in his town. He brings more than 40 years of business experience as well to our Board. We're very happy to welcome him to be part of us.

And one change in particular is tinged with sadness but also deep gratitude. We thank Janet Ocasio for her leadership, strength, and guidance as Co-President for the past 4 years. We know we have big shoes to fill!!!!!!

Thanks to all of you for your participation and support!

Ira Copperman and Gerard Marinaccio
Co-Presidents, TSO

TSO March and April Meetings Review

The January and February meetings of TSO were cancelled due to bad weather.

Our March meeting brought us Natalie Benavides from LiveOnNewYork (LONY), formerly known as New York Organ Donor Network (NYODN). Natalie is the Director of Hospital Services covering all donor and transplant hospitals in the area. Her staff is extremely well trained in the laws and requirements that must be followed in order to facilitate deceased organ and tissue donation. Natalie discussed the training in which each hospital must participate to meet the standards. She shared with us some of those requirements such as the brain death tests and who gets called when that occurs. We had a very lively discussion and would welcome Natalie back again soon.

In April, our speaker was Pat McDonough, Transplant Coordinator and Manager of the Living Liver and Kidney Donor Programs at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. She is also a living kidney donor to her brother who is doing well after 17 years as a transplant recipient. Pat reviewed the new UNOS Kidney allocation system, which essentially considers the "expected life" of a transplanted kidney along with the "expected life" of the transplant recipient. Many factors are taken into consideration regarding the optimum outcome for both. She also reviewed the living donor program at Montefiore and answered our many questions with expert knowledge and personal stories

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In 1997 Janet's condition worsened dramatically and she began to have bleeding episodes, severe headaches and fatigue, encephalopathy, ascites and jaundice. She was forced to go on disability and walk away from her career.

By the time Janet received her transplant, she was told that she only had months left, experiencing onset liver and kidney failure during a case of pneumonia. Strangely enough, her insurance company deemed her too sick to qualify for a transplant, since they expected that she would not survive the procedure. Thanks to legal intervention her company changed its mind. On October 8th, 1998, Janet received a liver transplant. She walked out of the hospital 2 ½ weeks later and went home.

Janet's transplant experience taught her many lessons, among them how to have faith and that she was much stronger than she had ever imagined. Her new understanding of life and herself set the groundwork for what would become her new passion, paying it forward. She began to provide support to other pre and post-transplant patients while receiving support herself. She accepted responsibility for the public education and outreach necessary to increase awareness and registrations for organ donation. She joined the New York Organ Donor Network as a volunteer and, returning to her cultural heritage, began efforts to reach the Hispanic community, which has been incredibly responsive and thoughtful. She wrote two Spanish language articles for Westchester Medical Center's Transplant Living Center, led a Spanish language support group, and other individual support services. Most recently, she assumed the position of Co-President of the Transplant Support Organization in Westchester.

Working on behalf of the transplant community and raising awareness of the need for organ donation are her primary missions in paying it forward. Janet has grown to understand why she survived and accepts what she owes to her donor and her family, a woman with whom she shared so much common, including age, family life, and career. She sees the worth of carrying her donor's DNA and liver along with her; she carries her soul in her heart. Janet believes her donor's sacrifice is the debt she's always learning how to repay, and not one day goes by when she does not think of her. Janet knows her donor watches over her and wants her to be proud of her work so that her gift of life is not taken for granted. That gift is cherished and revered, as well as the drive that propels Janet to continue her work until every person who needs a transplant will be able to receive one.

In addition to maintaining a scholarship fund for high school seniors who have made it their mission to promote organ donation, Janet is currently working on new initiatives through TSO to help raise awareness. The group is planning the first 5K walk on behalf of organ donation in Westchester County next spring and a celebration honoring liver transplant recipients in conjunction with the American Liver Foundation. She hopes to replicate these events with the Kidney Foundation in the future.

Janet currently lives to enjoy graduations, weddings, and the birth of her two grandchildren

Weill-Cornell presentation, April 9, 2015

Professor Mary Simmerling, from the Health Policy and Ethics staff at Weill-Cornell Medical School, invited Glenda Daggert and Ike Copperman to speak to a group of 1st year medical students. Professor Simmerling asked Glenda and Ira to talk about their roles as recipient and caregiver, with a special focus on helping these students understand their responsibilities as doctors to interact with pre-transplant recipients.

Glenda touched on her own experiences during her pre-transplant time, making sure these students knew how to listen to the patient and guide patient and caregiver through the transplant experience. This was a most valuable experience in the medical education of these medical students.

Letter to TSO participants from the Past President

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support and confidence in me for the past four years. Serving you as TSO Co-President has been an honor for me. It has been the most rewarding work that I have ever done and it allowed me to meet so many wonderful and inspiring people. The transplant community is a unique rainbow of grateful, thoughtful, and committed individuals and I am blessed to consider you all my friends.

I hope that I have served you well. Moving TSO forward, making necessary changes to position TSO as a formidable community based all volunteer organization has been a challenge. I could not have accomplished this without the support and leadership of TSO board members and participants. I think that TSO is positioned for a challenging future in transplantation and organ donation. There are legislative challenges. We need to continue to address the organ donation shortage if we are to meet our mission to help in making sure that every person who needs a transplant will be able to receive one. The continued education and support program is vital to our community in transplant and to TSO. We know that family support, education, and peer support are an important part of the formula for a successful transplant experience. We must continue to reach out to the transplant community and we must remain relevant to the issues that impact transplantation.

As I step into my new role as board member and ex-officio, I will continue to assist TSO and to lend my guidance and advice. I am very confident in the new leadership with Ira Copperman and Gerard Marinaccio as Co-Presidents. They are a dynamic team with much knowledge and experience. So TSO is indeed in good hands and I hope you will join me in offering your support to this wonderful organization which is recognized widely as one of the strongest and active all-volunteer organization in the region. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Janet M. Ocasio (Stiffler)

Janet Ocasio - Women's History Month Award Winner



The Town of Greenburgh celebrated Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 25, at Greenburgh Town Hall with a ceremony recognizing 10 women of achievement. The ceremony was hosted by Judith Beville, Town Clerk of Greenburgh.

TSO members Ted Lawson, Suzane Sadofsky, Mary Wu, Helen Bellhouse, Nancy Block, Gerard Marinaccio, Glenda Daggert, and Ike Copperman were part of the audience that saw Janet receive her award.

Janet Ocasio, the Co-President of TSO, was one of the 10 women recognized that evening, and we could not have been prouder. During her words of acceptance, Janet asked the audience to remember the 10,000 New Yorkers on the waiting list for a life-saving transplant.

WABC Specials on Organ Donation

This program aired on April 11, 2015. If you want to view it, please go to the following link:

<http://7online.com/health/organ-donors-connected-for-life/545647/>

WABC then aired another segment on Monday, April 20, 2015. This segment can be seen at the following link:

<http://7online.com/health/organ-donors-and-recipients-meet-to-share-their-stories/674697/>

NEW YORK --

It's not a cliché but truly a matter of life and death. We're talking about organ donors and the appalling lack of participants in New York which holds the dubious distinction of being dead last when it comes to the number of registered organ donors in the country.

In an all new half hour special, WABC-TV teams with New York Presbyterian Hospital/ Weill Cornell Medical Center to air "Organ Donors: Connected for Life" on Saturday, April 11 at 7 p.m. The show, airing during national Organ Donor Month is hosted by Eyewitness News Anchor, Liz Cho.

We'll hear from transplant doctors and experts who dispel the myths surrounding organ donation. Interviews include physicians and surgeons from NY-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center and experts from Live On New York, formerly the New York Organ Donor Network.

We'll learn about the increasing number of living donors and meet fellow New Yorkers who have received the literal gift of life and those who wait by the phone for life-saving news.

Katy Starck Monte's story of needing a new set of lungs went viral after her social media push called, "Oomph for Katy." It's a tale of courage and inspiration as people, from strangers to celebrities, rallied around this resilient young woman.

We'll meet a musician from upstate New York who received a portion of his friend's liver in an act of paying it back and paying it forward. There's the story of 2 half-sisters who didn't grow up together but now share a bond through the selfless act of a donated kidney.

And, we'll meet a new dad from Long Island kept alive thanks to modern technology while he awaits a donor heart.

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BITS & PIECES FYI...

Big changes at our OPO

Effective January, 2015, our OPO underwent a major name change to accompany its new approach to organ donation and transplantation. It's now LiveOnNY, not the New York Organ Donor Network.

This new name is meant to convey the real meaning of transplantation, allowing recipients to live on through receiving life-saving organ transplants, but also allowing donor families to witness their loved one's living legacy.

TSO attended a Community Summit meeting with LiveOnNY in March of this year. James Pardes, VP of Marketing and Communications, provided all of the groups with significant information about the name change and the philosophy behind it. The changes include completely new marketing, promotion, and registration materials.

For more information, please go to the LiveOnNY website, www.liveonny.org.

Pat Tomasulo

Pat Tomasulo, our dedicated TSO participant, received a life-saving liver and kidney transplant on Friday, March 20, 2015 at Mt. Sinai Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Sandy Florman, Chief of Transplantation. Pat was at Mt. Sinai recovering from some complications, but her indomitable spirit carries forward. She then moved on to physical therapy to recover her strength.

We are so very happy for Pat's transplant and wish her success and full recovery. We hope to see her very soon at our meetings, where she and her husband and caregiver Anthony Bonelli are regulars.

TSO 5K Run/Walk Event

With a generous grant from the New York Organ Donor Network, activity is humming with TSO's plans for its 5K Run/Walk Event planned for the Spring of 2016. This will be a sanctioned race to allow entrants to submit times for marathon activities.

There will be a need for lots of participation with the planning and the committees needed to make this a successful event. A few of the committees will be media and advertising; sponsors; refreshments; website; high school recruiting; and cleanup. This is not the complete list.

TSO will gratefully accept all support to make this a successful event. We'll be reaching out for sign-makers, vendors, and all kinds of day-of-event volunteers.

So watch for many email blasts coming your way asking for your enthusiastic participation throughout the year. Please contact Janet Ocasio to add your name to the list of helpers.

Young Adult Institute - YAI

TSO takes great pride in the quality and production of our quarterly newsletter. And one of the important reasons for this quality is YAI.

YAI is the Young Adult Institute, the National Institute for People with Disabilities. Through a wide range of programs, YAI supports people with disabilities through jobs, education, and life support of daily activities. And TSO contributes to YAI's programs through the printing services that YAI offers to organizations such as ours.

YAI prints and collates our newsletters, some 650 per quarter. YAI does not charge for their services, but TSO makes a quarterly donation to YAI. Incidentally, YAI's New York headquarters is in the same building as LiveOnNY, our OPO.

For more information about YAI, go to www.yai.org.

Mentoring Opportunities

There are pre and post transplant recipients, caregivers, donors and donor families who could use our help!

TSO has contacted the American Transplant Foundation, a group located in Denver, Colorado, founded by a recipient and dedicated to the needs of the transplant community. ATF offers training for mentoring activities and connects mentors and mentees. We've already had one of our TSO members, Bill Becker, receive the training from ATF and become a mentor to someone who will benefit from Bill's experience.

We encourage all of our TSO members and participants to think about the possibilities of mentoring and support. To connect to the ATF program, called "1 + 1 = Life", please go to this website and follow the instructions:

<http://www.americantransplantfoundation.org/programs/mentorship-program-2/>

TSO Wants You!

We encourage you to participate in our meetings and activities. Recipients, caretakers, living donors, donor families, and interested individuals are all members of our organization. In addition to our meetings, there are numerous volunteer activities we can offer to you.

For further information, please check out our website: www.transplantsupport.org.

You can also find us on Twitter and Facebook. Check out:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Transplant-Support-Organization/158539687509?fref=ts>

https://twitter.com/TSO_Support

And you can always contact us via email at: email4tso@gmail.com

LiveOnNY and Social Media

LiveOnNY is taking full advantage of getting the word out about organ, eye, and tissue donation through social media. The following is a list of the ways you can see the messages from LiveOnNY through all of the social media sites:

Twitter: @LiveOnNewYork

Facebook: /LiveOnNewYork

Instagram: @LiveOnNewYork

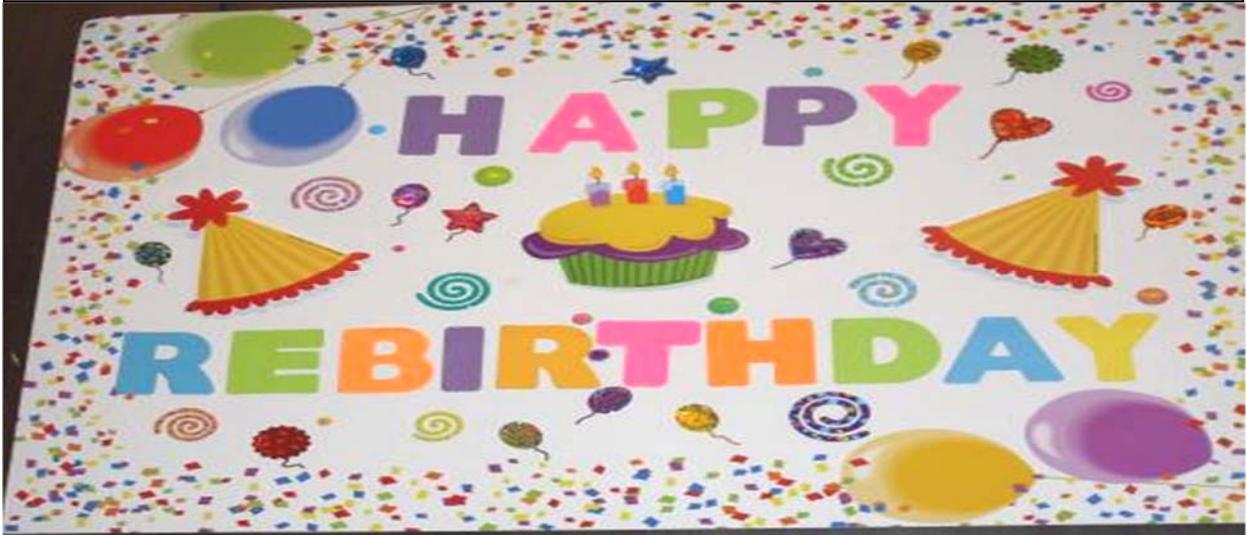
YouTube: /SaveLivesNY

Hashtag: #LongLiveNY

Social Hub: longliveny.org

Website: www.liveonny.org

Happy Re-birthday to You!



*Our best wishes to all our TSO friends and participants
who are celebrating re-birthdays in
April, May and June.
Our sincerest wishes for many more
happy and healthy years to come!*

Join TSO

Joining TSO is an important part of keeping us involved with you and with the entire transplant community. Our meetings, our events, and our legislative efforts come from your support.

Your dues allow TSO to continue doing the important work of education, support, public policy advocacy, and outreach which is so important to us all. Your dues are our main source of financial support. This is your organization, we need your dues to continue the work.

Please use the membership form found on page 11 and return the completed form with your check made payable to TSO.

If you have sent in your membership payment, thank you very much!
If you have not sent it in yet, please consider doing it today.

S.F. hospital to perform rare 6-way kidney transplant

By Kurtis Alexander - SFGate Updated 8:26 pm, Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Zully Broussard was set to donate a kidney to a friend. The prep work, however, didn't go as fast as the doctors needed, and her friend had to turn to another donor.

That was a long time ago. On Thursday, with her friend in mind, the 55-year-old Sacramento-area woman is scheduled to donate yet again, at the Pacific Campus of [California Pacific Medical Center](#) in San Francisco — this time to someone she doesn't know, a Benicia man in dire need of a kidney.

And Broussard's altruistic gift won't stop giving there.

The recipient's sister-in-law, who couldn't provide a compatible kidney to her brother-in-law, is giving her kidney to a woman from Fresno, whose son couldn't provide her with a compatible kidney so he's giving his to a woman from Greenbrae, and on it goes until six strangers have new hope for a healthy life with transplanted kidneys.

The six-way transplant, which will occur over two days, is believed to be the largest to take place at a single hospital on the West Coast.

"I didn't realize it was going to be this big," said Broussard, who simply wanted to help out one person after her previous effort to donate fell through.

"I've been given a lot in my life, but I've also had a lot of loss," she said, noting that her son died of cancer 13 years ago, and her husband passed away 14 months ago, also from cancer. "I know what it feels like to want an extra day."

Spreading hope

Domino-like kidney swaps, while a relatively new thing, are becoming increasingly common. They usually involve patients who have a friend or family member who is willing to donate but isn't compatible. Hospital teams then pair the willing donor with a compatible recipient who similarly had a loved one who wasn't compatible and is willing to give to someone else. The process continues.

Several hospitals have performed paired donations. Some have participated in one that extends across several sites — or even across several states, where sometimes dozens of people get new organs. Few hospitals, though, have carried out six back-to-back transplants in one place. Doctors at California Pacific Medical Center said they hadn't heard of another set of such transplants involving more people.

Doing the transplants consecutively, like the series in San Francisco, rather than waiting reduces the risk of a donor or recipient developing a medical condition that would disqualify them, or of one of the participants backing out, hospital officials say.

Rustling up equipment

The doctors, who successfully performed a five-way transplant four years ago, said they had trouble mustering enough surgical instruments for this one.

Three transplants are scheduled for Thursday and three on Friday at the [Pacific Heights hospital](#), involving a team of anesthesiologists, physician assistants and nurses led by five surgeons, with an additional 40 people lending support. Each transplant procedure is expected to take three hours.

"This is huge," said [Steven Katznelson](#), medical director of the hospital's Kidney Transplant Program. "In many cases, it's a life-saving procedure."

More than 100,000 people in the U.S. are awaiting kidney transplants. Most on the waiting list need the transplant within three to five years. Many have died waiting. In 2013, the most recent data available showed that fewer than 17,000 kidney transplants were performed in the U.S.

Kidney failure occurs when the organ is unable to filter wastes and excess fluid from the blood, allowing dangerous levels of these materials to build up. When the condition progresses to a certain point, dialysis or a kidney transplant is vital.

Common affliction

One in 10 American adults suffers kidney disease, according to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

The names of the participants in this week's surgery, besides the initial donor's, are being withheld by the hospital until the effort is finished.

Most are from the Bay Area, and two are from the Central Valley. The donors and recipients include three parent-and-child pairs, one sibling pair, and one brother- and sister-in-law pair.

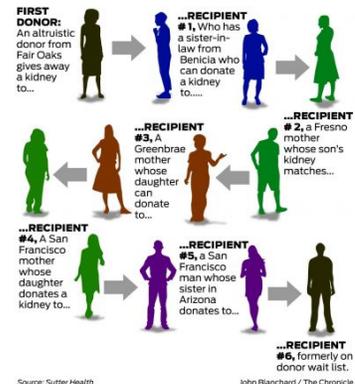
The donors and recipients were paired with software called Matchgrid, which uses algorithms to sort through the medical data of thousands of people to find the best matches.

California Pacific Medical Center, an affiliate of [Sutter Health Care](#), conducts more than 200 kidney transplants per year. The hospital holds a high rate of success, with officials saying 98.4 percent of kidney patients survive for at least one year after the transplant.

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Record kidney exchange

Coordinated efforts by Sutter Health medical planners are making a rare six-donor paired kidney transplant, all in a two-day period. Here are how the swaps were made:





TSO Transplant Support Organization

Participant Application:

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Renewal

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TSO, 1335 Mace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469

NAME(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone # - Daytime: _____ Evening: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (optional)

Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____ Marital Status: _____

Occupation: _____

CANDIDATE / RECIPIENT INFORMATION – Please check appropriate description

Donor _____ Donor Family Member _____ Transplant Recipient _____ Transplant Candidate _____

Family Member _____ Interested Individual _____ Professional _____

Have you already had a transplant? Yes _____ No _____

Type of Transplant(s) _____

Date of Transplant _____

Where did you (will you) have your transplant? _____

PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES & SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular (Transplant recipient, transplant candidate, family member, donor family)

Individual Participant \$25.00

Family Participant (2 or more members, same address) \$35.00

Professional \$25.00

Please consider a voluntary donation to help support TSO \$ _____

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NEXT MEETING: May 20, 2015

Transplant Support Organization's Mission

To help save lives by:

- *Providing education relating to organ donation and transplantation;*
- *Promoting organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility;*
- *Giving support to transplant candidates, recipients, their families and donor families;*
- *Effectively communicating to government bodies and the general public, the concerns and needs that affect the welfare of those individuals impacted by the transplant process.*