



Transplant Life  
Foundation

## *TransplantNATION* Fundraiser

Thank you for your interest in the TGA Team *TransplantNATION* Fundraiser. Your state team needs your support to continue their efforts. They will be traveling to Meadowlands, New Jersey in next July to represent your state at the 2020 Donate Life Transplant Games. With events such as these, they can showcase to the general public that transplantation not only saves lives, but it gives patients the quality of life back that they truly deserve. By competing in this event, your local athletes have an opportunity to bring local and national attention to your community and make a significant difference in saving lives.

Participants in the Transplant Games are responsible for all costs related to attending the games, including registration, uniforms, travel, hotel and meals. To assist with these costs, Transplant Life Foundation is providing each team with an opportunity to sell subscriptions and/or ad space for *TransplantNation* Magazine with as much as 35% of all proceeds to go towards their expenses associated with attending the Games.

Please support your local team by purchasing a subscription or ad space. Your contribution will help patients in your area desperately waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant.

### About Transplant Life Foundation

The Transplant Life Foundation, founded in 2011, is the nation's leading advocacy group for those in the donation and transplantation world- transplant recipients, living donors, donor families, patients on the national and state waiting lists, transplant professionals and supporters. As the primary educational and social networking hub for the transplant community, the organizing body for the Transplant Games of America and the publisher of *TransplantNATION* magazine, Transplant Life Foundation works hard every day to enhance and improve the lives of our members. Transplant Life Foundation works alongside the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), Donate Life America, the 58 procurement organizations, and over 250 transplant centers located across the U.S. Together, we serve support, serve and advocate for the donation and transplantation community.

## TransplantNATION Magazine

*TransplantNATION* is a 68-page, bi-monthly magazine that works to connect and support the growing audience in the United States who are in the organ donation and transplantation world.

*TransplantNATION* magazine is a full-featured publication with interesting stories of everyday heroism, heartfelt sacrifice and articles on healthy living, new beginnings and industry activity. This magazine includes stories of donors who gave others another chance at life and tales of recipients who are anxious to show their donor families what their gift means to them. *TransplantNATION* connects all the unique groups that make up the transplant community. It provides recipients, donors, dialysis patients and so many others with the knowledge, hope and connection they deserve. With each issue, we touch more lives with inspiring stories, educational information and the idea that they are not alone on their journey.

## Transplant Games of America

The Transplant Games were founded in 1990 and have been held every other year since in various cities around the United States. This multi-sport festival event brings together thousands of recipients, living donors, donor families, patients on the national and state waiting lists, transplant professionals, supporters and spectators for a truly unique and inspiring week. Over the course of six days, 41 state teams and 2 international teams, comprised of transplant recipients and living donors, compete in 20 athletic and recreational competitions. In addition to the competitions, there are a number of ancillary events held throughout the Games meant for all attendees to enjoy. These events serve as meaningful opportunities for donor families, recipients, donors and professionals to engage with one another and share their stories.

Organ, bone marrow, cornea, and tissue donation, once considered a rarity, now routinely improves and saves the lives of tens of thousands of Americans every year. Despite continuing advances in medicine and technology, the demand for organs greatly exceeds the supply available for transplant. An estimated 12,000 to 18,000 individuals who have been touched by the impact of organ, bone marrow, cornea, and tissue donation, will join Northern New Jersey to focus awareness on the medical miracle of transplantation, celebrate life and honor those who have given the ultimate gift of life.

### Key Facts

- In 2018, 36,529 transplants brought new life to patients and their families.
- 764,131 transplants have occurred since 1988.
- All major religions support organ, eye, and tissue donation and see it as a final act of love and generosity towards others.
- Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race, or medical history.
- Transplantation gives hope to thousands of people with organ failure and provides many others with active and renewed lives.
- There are currently 113,000+ individuals waiting for an organ transplant.
- An average of 20 people die each day waiting for an available organ for transplant.
- One organ, eye, and tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 lives.