

Hi Friends!

I'm not one to share my personal life and medical matters, but sometimes life throws us curveballs and necessitates our need to lean on others.

I am in Stage 5 Kidney Disease and am starting dialysis soon. I have completed the application and all necessary testing and have been placed on the Kidney Transplant list at St. Louis University Hospital's Transplant program. They have given the green light and have asked me to start a search for a living donor.

As you can imagine, the match process can take some time, so I want to start getting the word out now. If anyone feels called/led to see if we are a match, you can call the Living Donor Coordinator, Cody Wooley at 314-257-8310. You can use this link for general information about being a living donor:

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Then, if/when you decide you are ready to register as a Living Donor go to: Your generosity can make all the difference. By donating, you help children and families in need get access to basic necessities and a brighter tomorrow. Join us in making an impact!

There is ABSOLUTELY no pressure or obligation. You can change your mind at any point in the evaluation process. At this stage, the only testing might be blood matching to check tissue compatibility.

My insurance will cover all aspects of a donor's evaluation and transplant. Nothing is billed to the donor's insurance and there are no out-of-pocket costs. Also, if needed grants are available to cover lost work wages, transportation, etc.

I understand that organ donation is no light matter, and I am thankful for everyone who has and/or will be considering the idea of donating life to me or someone else! If you are not able to be evaluated for donor match but you'd like to help in other ways, please keep in contact if any needs arise.

I am so grateful and blessed with such great friends and family. Love you all more than I can express! I covet your prayers and wellwishes throughout this journey.

Please share with all your friends and family!!!!

Sincerely,

Husband **Father** Grandfather Uncle/Great Uncle **Retired Music Director** BHC '78, ISU '80, WIU '86