MOMENTS
that matter

2018 IMPACT REPORT

Mid-America TRANSPLANT
inspired by life
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Inspired by Jeff

As a runner, soccer player, and all-around active guy, Jeff was devastated when a knee injury threatened to slow him down. It was the birth of his daughter that inspired him to have the cartilage in his knee repaired. Thanks to his tissue donor, Jeff can run, jump, and enjoy all the active moments he dreamed of spending with his young daughter.

BY THE NUMBERS

2018 was another year of record-breaking moments for Mid-America Transplant. More importantly, it was a year of meaningful work on behalf of the donor families and transplant patients we serve.

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A historic number for our organization, these generous donors said yes to heal the lives of others.

Gifts from local donors provided opportunities to treat disease, restore mobility, and extend life.

With these vision-restoring donations, patients in our region and beyond will be able to see the moments that make life special.

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INNOVATING TO SAVE LIVES

We are working toward a brighter future where organs and tissues are always available to those in need. That means pushing our profession forward through research and innovation.

ENDOWED DISTINGUISHED CHAIR
Advancing Research in Transplantation
Established to fund research related to transplantation, The G. Alexander Patterson, MD / Mid-America Transplant Endowed Distinguished Chair in Lung Transplantation will support advancement in the field while encouraging top transplant surgeons to pursue lifesaving careers in our region. An initiating gift from Mid-America Transplant will support research led by Daniel Kreisel, MD, PhD, surgical director of the lung transplant program at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University in St. Louis.

STATE-OF-THE-ART ICU
Improving Our Onsite Recovery Facility
Ten years after becoming the first organ procurement organization to open an onsite organ recovery center, we unveiled our six-bed ICU and improved tissue workspace. In this new facility, our team continues to deliver organs and tissues for transplant while participating in scientific studies that could save even more lives.

CLINICAL INNOVATION FUND
Funding the Future of Donation & Transplantation
The Mid-America Transplant Foundation awarded more than $850,000 to four research projects seeking to improve the lifesaving impact of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. We hope this investment will lead to more lives saved around the world. Research topics include:

- Liver Transplants
- Hepatitis C & Donation
- Cornea Transplants
- Lung Transplants

Inspired by Nikki
KIDNEY/PANCREAS RECIPIENT
For years, Nikki lived with Type 1 diabetes. When her health began to decline, doctors told her she would need kidney and pancreas transplants. After several months on the waiting list, a match became available. Today, Nikki is diabetes-free and grateful for every moment her donor shared. She married her soul mate, Ryan, and enjoys working with organizations to share her transplant story.
THE GREEN UP GAMES
Honoring Donors and Raising Awareness
We partnered with four universities to honor donors and educate communities throughout our service area. This series of eight baseball and softball games featured pre-game donor memorial ceremonies, honorary first pitches thrown by recipients or donor family members, and green Donate Life-themed uniforms for athletes.

- DRURY UNIVERSITY
- SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
- MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
- SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY
We believe in giving back to the communities we serve. Our team works hard to support transplant patients and honor donor families while raising awareness, visibility, and support for our lifesaving mission.

FAMILY HOUSE
Providing a Home Away from Home
A record 47 patients stayed in the Family House in 2018. Through 2018, we have served 157 patients from 22 states.

TRANSPLANT GAMES
Celebrating Life with Team Transplant St. Louis
With 31 athletes, Team Transplant St. Louis sent the 13th largest team to the 2018 Transplant Games of America and brought home 64 medals. More than 150 people, including five donor families, traveled to Salt Lake City to support the team.

MISSOURI HB 2129
Increasing Education on Organ & Tissue Donation
Gov. Mike Parson signed House Bill 2129 to increase opportunities to educate Missouri high school students on the benefits of organ, eye, and tissue donation. The bill’s sponsor, State Rep. Steve Cookson of Poplar Bluff, collaborated with Mid-America Transplant, Midwest Transplant Network, and Gift of Life to garner bipartisan support for the bill.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Growing Our Facebook Community by 85%
In 2018, we continued to build awareness in person and online. On Facebook, our community grew by 85 percent. We created this page as a space to honor donors, build awareness, and continue the conversation about donation.

facebook.com/midamericatransplant

At the Missouri State game, 13-year-old Will threw out the first pitch in memory of his father, who became an organ, eye, and tissue donor after a mountain biking accident.
We are forever grateful for the generosity of donors and donor families. As stewards of the gift of donation, we work to support families who are coping with the loss of a loved one. In 2018, we expanded programs across our service area to reach beyond those we meet through donation.

**3,296**

**REMEMBRANCE EVENT ATTENDEES**

From candlelight memorials to the Celebrate Life 5K Run/Walk and our Donor Family Workshop, a record number of donor families joined us in paying tribute to their loved ones. These special moments allow us to honor the heroes who gave while supporting families.

**70**

**PATHS OF HONOR**

The Path of Honor is an inspiring, emotional moment when family, friends, and staff line the hospital halls to honor a hero who chose to donate. We collaborated with hospitals across our service area to make these moments possible for everyone involved in donation.

**$450,000**

**IN GRIEF SUPPORT**

Identifying a lack of grief support, we doubled our partner grants to fund five grief centers across the region. These facilities help families heal through professional counseling services and other resources.

**Remembering Logan**

2018 DONOR

“Logan loved to love. He was charismatic and funny, and he adored his girlfriend and his son. Logan was perfectly imperfect. He was an addict, and because of the disease, we talked on a regular basis about organ donation. The idea that he could help someone when he felt so worthless, that was important to him. It brings a sense of peace for me to know that the boy I always believed in could still show the world how good he was.”

DENISE

Logan’s mother (pictured with Logan’s son)
IN THE WORKS

A Resource for Nursing Students
For years, nursing curriculum lacked information on organ and tissue donation. In 2018, we partnered with Dr. Linda Heitman of Southeast Missouri State University and the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations to create a first-of-its-kind online program with current, comprehensive lessons about donation.

New Website
We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, a resource designed to build trust and transparency in our community. Visit for a look behind the scenes at how we are working to save lives and support families in our service area.

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS
Candlelight Memorials
SPRINGFIELD: March 18
ST. LOUIS: April 11
JONESBORO: November 7

SAVE THE DATE
Celebrate Life 5K Run/Walk
We were truly inspired by the thousands of people who joined us to honor organ and tissue donors at the 2018 Celebrate Life 5K Run/Walk. Mark your calendars for this year’s event:
Sunday, October 13, 2019

COMING JUNE 2019
Inspired by Life Ride
The inaugural Inspired by Life Ride will be held in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Look for more information on our website soon.

MOMENTS TO COME
SAY YES. SAVE LIVES.

For patients on the waiting list, every moment matters. By registering as an organ and tissue donor, you can bring hope to these patients and their families.

registerme.org