



People are waiting for a chance at a better life. The kidney transplant waiting list is getting longer, and in response, the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) has developed “THE BIG ASK: THE BIG GIVE.” This initiative educates and raises awareness about living kidney donation and transplantation among kidney patients, their families, and friends.

## THE BIG ASK

For people with kidney disease, asking someone to consider donating a kidney can seem impossible. Many won't get a transplant because they don't know how to ask or are uncomfortable with asking. NKF provides suggestions and tips on how to start a conversation about the possibility of donation.

## THE BIG GIVE

The decision about whether to donate a kidney can be daunting. People considering living donation have many questions about what's involved. NKF offers factual, unbiased information addressing common concerns, and support in making the decision.

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THE CAMPAIGN *THE BIG ASK: THE BIG GIVE* includes:

**www.kidney.org/livingdonation**—NKF's website provides detailed information, support and resources for both kidney patients and potential donors.

**NKF Cares Help Line**—Trained professionals answer questions and provide confidential, one-on-one support to patients, families, and potential donors, including information by mail. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm EST (English/Spanish). 844.2BIGASK (844.224.4275); [bigask@kidney.org](mailto:bigask@kidney.org).

**NKF Peers**—NKF's peer mentoring program matches kidney patients and potential donors with people who have already been through the experience. This toll-free, confidential phone network lets people speak with a person who knows their concerns because they've “been there.”

**Printed Materials**—Promotional materials, along with booklets about living donation and transplantation, are available for distribution in nephrology offices, dialysis units, transplant centers, and at NKF events and educational programs.



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## KIDNEY WAITING LIST FACTS

The optimal treatment for kidney failure is transplantation. And, studies show that the best-functioning, longest-lasting type of transplant comes from a living donor. **But the number of kidneys falls far too short of the need.** In the U.S.:

100,000

people are waiting for a  
kidney transplant



18,000

get transplanted every year



4,000

die waiting each year

that means **12** die every day, **1** dies every **2** hrs

only

6,000

living donors



Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) data from <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov>, November, 2016.



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