

FINANCIAL HELP FOR LIVING DONORS

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| <p>National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC): www.livingdonorassistance.org</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial help for living donors’ donation-related costs (lost wages, travel costs, childcare needs) • Reimburse or pay back up to \$6,000 • Must apply before surgery – repayment is only for costs after application is approved • Eligibility is based on the household income of the person receiving an organ donation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The household income made for the year cannot be more than 350% of the current United States Federal Poverty Guidelines. Check for the current guideline ○ Donor and the person receiving an organ donation, must be legal United States citizens • A donor may start the application process, but the application must be given to the National Living Donor Assistance Center by the transplant team • Not all transplant centers participate – go to www.livingdonorassistance.org to view the list of participating centers |
| <p>Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation (APKD): Donor Protect Program</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial repayment for lost wages, travel, housing, food and gas mileage for donors and their support person • Life and disability insurance for donor and their support person • Eligibility not based on household income • Benefits are only eligible after kidney donation is complete • Voucher program available • Transplant center must participate with the Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation. <u>Call the transplant center to ask about participation</u> • Network 5 facilities can also go check participation |

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| <p>National Kidney Registry: Donor Shield https://www.donor-shield.org/kidney-donors/</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial repayment for lost wages, travel, housing, and childcare costs • Eligibility not based on household income • Complication protection – financial help if any donation related complications arise. • Legal Support, if needed – related to unlawful loss of employment, health insurance discrimination, life insurance discrimination, or other issues related to donation • Home blood draws available • Remote donation available – a donor can complete evaluation and surgery at a National Kidney Registry transplant center that is close to their home • Voucher program available – a donor can donate a kidney now and receive a voucher that can be utilized later by a friend or family member. If/when the voucher holder needs a kidney, the voucher prioritizes them for a living donor kidney or places them higher on the wait list. • Benefits are only eligible after kidney donation is complete • If a living kidney donor ever needs a kidney transplant, the National Kidney Registry will make efforts to find a living donor kidney • Transplant center must participate with the National Kidney Registry. Call the transplant center to verify participation. • Network 5 facilities can also check participation • For more information |
| <p>The American Living Organ Donor Fund https://www.helpivingdonorssavelives.org/</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide financial help to donors. Prefer receiving applications before donation. However, they will accept applications up to 2 months after the transplant surgery. • Prefer to receive the application from the transplant social worker – no paper applications accepted. • The ability to provide help is based on donations to the organization overall • Mental health services, legal services, peer mentoring, and support groups are also offered |

INFORMATIONAL AND PEER SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR LIVING DONORS

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| American Kidney Fund https://livingdonor.kidneyfund.org/ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website that outlines protections and benefits for living donors by state • Click on the patient’s state (all states are given a letter grade) • A pop-up screen breaks down what protections and benefits are available or unavailable within the state for donors |
| Living Donor Toolkit: American Society of Transplantation https://www.livingdonortoolkit.com/ | <p>Informational Resource compiled by transplant professional and kidney donors. Go to livingdonortoolkit.com and browse topics of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Toolkit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Living Organ Donor Costs Worksheet ○ Living Donation and Employment ○ Getting and Keeping Insurance After Donation ○ National Living Donor Assistance Center ○ Federal and State Laws About Donation ○ Fundraising for Living Donor Expenses – Q&A ○ Nonprofit Financial Aid Programs for Living Donors ○ Living Organ Donation for US Military Members • Medical Toolkit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discusses how specific issues may affect kidney donation evaluation, candidacy, and experience ○ Reviews risks of kidney donation, long term outcomes, impact on future pregnancy, and mental health |
| National Kidney Donation Organization https://www.nkdo.org/ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational resource with a “FAQs” page, podcast episodes, and YouTube videos • Donor Connect program provides peer mentoring for potential living donors. Mentors are all living kidney donors |

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