



Exploring Living Kidney Donor Stories

STORY ARCHIVES

Donate Life Northwest: Stories of Hope – Living Donation

Houses multiple “quick read” stories from living donors within the Donate Life NW community, sharing details such as their motivation to donate and their decision making process.

https://www.donatelifenw.org/stories-of-hope?field_type_of_story_value=2

Explore Living Donation: Storytelling Library

This website boasts a robust digital library of video stories, recorded by real people, sharing their experiences with living kidney donation. The video archive is searchable by demographics, topics, or story type (e.g., donor stories, recipient stories).

<https://explorelivingdonation.org/videos/>

Kidney Donor Athletes: Meet the Donor Athletes!

This website contains an archive of living kidney donation stories from athletes around the country. Donors explain various aspects of their journey such as how they learned about living kidney donation and how they made the decision to donate.

<https://kidneydonorathlete.org/meet-the-donor-athletes/>

Living Donation California: Living Donation Stories & Educational Videos

This website showcases a number of quick read living donor stories from California in which donors to explain their motivation for sharing their spare kidney. The site also contains a selection of videos exploring the benefits and risks of being a living donor and the reality of how a transplant affects patients.

Read: <https://livingdonationcalifornia.org/make-an-informed-decision/living-donation-stories/>

Watch: <https://livingdonationcalifornia.org/make-an-informed-decision/educational-videos/>

STAND ALONE VIDEOS

National Geographic: Donating a Kidney to a Stranger

Joins a non-directed donor and his recipient on their journeys. It touches on motivations of a non-directed donor, paired/chain exchange, kidney procurement surgery, and post-donation/transplant experiences.

<https://youtu.be/jxATkbZNPtw>

Today: Kidney Donors and Recipients Meet for the First Time

Follows eight living kidney donors and recipients as they meet for the first time via video call after participating in a paired donation chain.

<https://www.today.com/video/kidney-donors-and-recipients-meet-for-the-first-time-86613573513?fbclid=IwAR1EaZA5Tq1S8qCPf5AJBwJLARqmsxqnuqvAFSToDSYFMYdPGJd6LcKghTE>

PBS News Hour: How an Economist's Idea to Create Kidney Transplant Chains Has Saved Lives

Interviews two non-directed kidney donors and follows one of those donors as they meet all of the people from the transplant chain that their donation initiated. Also interviews the economist who figured out how to use computer algorithms to create donor-recipient chains and explains how the chains work.

<https://youtu.be/9uQB6ok1-F4>

UNOS: Living Kidney Donation Success Story – Jodi

A non-directed living kidney donor shares how she made the decision to donate and discusses the transplant and recovery process.

<https://youtu.be/VWcaMXMkixI>

UNOS: Angel Thompson, Living Kidney Donor

A living kidney donor explains how she decided to donate a kidney to a coworker and discusses life post-donation.

<https://youtu.be/qozPQZHbcCA>