

Highlight of a Sister *in Need*

Margaret Shortreed is a member of **Washington Laureate Gamma Phi, Vancouver**. She is a fearless fighter for those suffering mental, emotional, and physical hurts. Now it is Margaret who is in need—she has stage 4 kidney disease and her kidneys are dangerously close to failure. Because of the long wait time, she needs a living donor. Margaret, who has been the voice for so many is finding difficulty speaking up for herself. “Why should I get a kidney?” she humbly asks. Margaret’s former chapter **Georgia Preceptor Beta Beta, Lawrenceville** know of a few reasons why:

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” is the golden rule so many of us learned as children. The golden rule is exemplified in Margaret by her spirit and call to action on behalf of others.

As president of our chapter, she initiated an annual Christmas drive for toiletries for the battered women’s shelter, among other things, which remained in effect for almost 20 years. She was a loud voice for women of domestic violence. She hosted speakers at her home and helped sponsor community events on behalf of abused women.

Cruising together was a big event for our chapter reunion. Sisters from across the country came together for the cruise, including Margaret who left her



Georgia chapter when she moved to Washington state. We are truly “Sisters By Choice.”

Margaret’s profession was working with special education students with emotional problems at the high school level, a position few would find attractive. She sponsored the school’s Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) and Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) groups.

Margaret volunteered to become a Stephen Minister, supporting people at her church who were facing life altering challenges. She stepped up to lead a grief support group and voluntarily stepped up again to lead the whole Stephen Ministry, training other Stephen Ministers. And when the church pastor asked her to be the lay person in charge of Congregational Care ministry at her church, she marched right into those shoes as well. Margaret never shirks from speaking with and for people who are suffering.

One way we could answer Margaret’s query of why she should get a donated kidney: Because she is a dear friend, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, etc. But the bigger and less selfish answer is—that the world needs more people like Margaret who have devoted their life to caring for others. Please help find her a kidney so she can follow her heart and life’s passion for continuing to work tirelessly on



behalf of others. Let's do unto Margaret as she has done and continues to do for so many others.

And as for our next Preceptor Beta Beta chapter reunion cruise? We are planning on celebrating whenever Margaret our "Sister By Choice" gets her kidney. Help us keep watch over our sister

Margaret. Share with everyone you know that our sister needs a living donor, because as sisters that is what we do for one another!

For more of Margaret's story and for information on how you can help, visit her website, <https://www.nkr.org/JQT834>.



Current and former members of **Georgia Preceptor Beta Beta, Lawrenceville**, as well as some husbands—most of who are Envoys and call themselves "Beta Brothers"—met in New Orleans and cruised from there to Cosmel, Mexico. Here they are on their reunion cruise: Back row, l-r, Jan King, George Shortreed, Gerald Hickman, Joe McDaniel, Wayne Dixon and Bill Cooper. Middle row, l-r, Laurie Davis, Bonnie Johnson, Margaret Shortreed (moved to Vancouver, WA), Karen McDaniel (moved to Arkansas), Kathy Dean (moved to New Orleans, LA) and Jo Cooper (staggered). Front row, l-r, Rusty Lee, Debbie Baker, Kathy Lee, Joan LeBlanc, Sandra Dixon and Par Lee Hickman.

