

# ALLIANCE FOR PAIRED KIDNEY DONATION



Interested in joining **Team Heart & Sole at the MCM & 10K 10.25.2020**? We welcome runners and advocate volunteers to act as ambassadors at our race booth. Email Kate at [hopecomesinpairs@gmail.com](mailto:hopecomesinpairs@gmail.com) for more information, or join our Team RUNAPKD Heart & Sole group on Facebook @paireddonation.

## APRIL 2020 APKD NEWS-AT-A-GLANCE

- **NOTE FROM APKD CEO** These are unprecedented times and almost all living donor kidney transplantation in the United States is on hold. Our hearts go out to our colleagues in those cities rapidly approaching and exceeding their capacity to manage the current crisis. Even as we enter this next month of unparalleled collective grief for our generation, I am hopeful that light will soon emerge. I believe that the next month or two will also bring more widely available PCR testing, antibody testing, hospital resources and knowledge of the risk/benefit of immunosuppression versus continuing in renal failure, allowing us to decide soon when we can restart our life-saving work. May you and your families stay safe, even as you join the collective battle against this awful pandemic. -Dr. Michael Rees
- We are excited to announce the rollout of the new version of our matching software, APKD KidneyMatch 2.7. This new release features improvements and upgrades such as an expanded Logistic Sheet to include vital details of each exchange. The most exciting improvement is the KidneyMatch ability to create chains longer than 4; in fact, chains can be up to 15 pairs or longer. In January India used KidneyMatch 2.7 to create their chain of 10. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for paired kidney donation!



## DONOR PROFILE

### TIM SHAIN



Tim Shain is a true hero and survivor. Tim donated a kidney in 2008 to help his friend Bill Coram. Tim's kidney was gifted to Steve Lindley as part of Bill's paired donation chain. Two years later, Tim was diagnosed with MS. In spite of this, Tim is training to run the MCM in October on our Heart & Sole team. Tim's generous spirit and amazing attitude set the bar high and inspire us to be the best version of ourselves. Tim says, "If I had not donated I would not have experienced how amazing it feels to know God has allowed you to participate in his miracle of healing of two people with kidney failure. He could have done it without me, but He allowed me to participate. If I had three I would give two!"

**"I received a blessing just to be able to participate."**

**7,400**  
US living donor  
transplants in 2019.

Interested in being featured **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**? Do you want to nominate a special donor for our DONOR PROFILE? Email Kate: [hopecomesinpairs@gmail.com](mailto:hopecomesinpairs@gmail.com) for more information.



In need of coordinator help? The APKD now offers assistance with uploading your compatible and incompatible pairs into the APKD database.

**Please contact Susan Rees at [susan.rees@paireddonation.org](mailto:susan.rees@paireddonation.org) for more information.**

*Saving lives one pair at a time*



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