APKD NEWS—AT-A-GLANCE

We are excited to announce that the APKD is a charity partner of the Glass City Marathon in Toledo, Ohio on April 26, and the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. on October 25! Race participants can raise money to help kidney patients by selecting to donate to the APKD when registering for the event. Registration info can be found at marinemarathon.com and glasscitymarathon.org.

GKE NEWS

Using APKD matching software, the Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC) completed a single-facility transplant chain of 10 donors and 10 recipients in January. This is the longest paired donation chain of its kind in Asia.

DONOR PROFILE

Natalie and Dave Cruz:

In January, Dave Cruz celebrated the one-year anniversary of his new kidney with his wife and incompatible donor Natalie. Natalie donated her kidney to Jay from Antigua; Jay’s wife Flores donated her kidney to Dave in an APKD global exchange. Natalie and Dave have been married 27 years and Natalie says: “There was never a doubt or regret about donating my kidney for more time. And to see Jay living again—a loving husband and father—is an amazing, beautiful thing. I feel fantastic, my labs are good and my small scars are a badge of honor and beauty, God’s blessing. Our family went through an incredible and difficult journey, in the end it made us better. We look at things differently and focus on what’s most important, we are thankful, grateful and so very blessed. The work that APKD is doing is amazing and so important. I love to tell our story and spread the word because so many people do not know there are other options. Never give up hope.”

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 for more information.

Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation
PO Box 965 | Perrysburg, OH 43552
419.360.7445
@kidneypaireddonation  @paireddonation