



# ALLIANCE FOR PAIRED KIDNEY DONATION



## JAN. 2020 APKD 2019 YEAR-IN-REVIEW

The Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation has been a pioneer in the field of kidney transplantation since its inception in 2006. The APKD team was the first to build software that allowed transplant centers to work together over the internet so they could match kidney recipients who have a willing but incompatible donor with another incompatible pair in the same situation. Our “Pay-it-Forward” concept has led to over 10,000 people receiving a life-saving kidney transplant worldwide. We couldn’t do it without our transplant centers around the country. Thank you for partnering with us to provide health and hope to kidney patients! It’s exciting to take a look back at all we have to celebrate in 2019:

- APKD SOFTWARE WAS USED TO MATCH 134 LIVING DONORS WITH RECIPIENTS.
- INCLUDING THE U.S. THEAPKD IS NOW IN SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ON FIVE CONTINENTS.
- THE GLOBAL KIDNEY EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS ENDORSED BY RENOWNED PHILOSOPHER PETER SINGER.
- WE ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE U.S. ARMED FORCES TO CREATE THE MILITARY SHARE PROGRAM.
- APKD HAS ADDED FIVE NEW TRANSPLANT CENTERS TO OUR NATIONAL NETWORK.
- APKD IS PROUD TO BE A UNITED WAY, PAY PAL, AND AMAZON SMILE CHARITY.
- IN JULY, TRUMP ENDORSED MEDICARE EXTENSION FOR IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE MEDICATIONS.
- THE APKD FACILITATED OUR FIRST CROSS-CONTINENTAL KIDNEY EXCHANGE, FROM THE U.S. TO ITALY.

**134**

Transplants facilitated by Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation in 2019.

**5** Transplant centers added to the APKD network in 2019.

Number of countries in the APKD network. **7**

**10** APKD-led transplants in December 2019 alone.

The APKD teamed up with the US Armed forces to create the Military Share Program, a pay-it-forward partnership.

We are proud to be a United Way Charity.

## DONOR PROFILE



Kristie Kuzy with Dr. Rachel Forbes, MD of VUMC

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER: KRISTIE KUZY

Kristie Kuzy decided to donate a kidney to a stranger. Her generosity initiated the first three-recipient kidney transplant chain in the history of Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Rachel Forbes, MD, MBA, assistant professor of Surgery and living kidney donor surgical director: “Kristie’s gift of life allowed three people to receive transplants with the gifts of their own donors who just happened to not be a match,” she said. “This three-way chain was certainly a team effort, involving all of the kidney transplant surgeons, transplant nephrologists, our living donor coordinators, Kaylin Centanni and Kara Warmke, our KPD liaison Kristin Smith, and so many individuals in the Vanderbilt Transplant Center who worked hard to make this a reality. We cannot thank our donors and recipients enough for trusting us with their care.” **VANDERBILT HEALTH**

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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