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Share Your Decision

Life.....Pass It On!

Transplants Save Lives, Inc.

Special points of interest:

- Awareness Bracelets are in Stock! We have spread the word with over 1,000 Bracelets sold!
- Magnetic Bumper Stickers are in Stock! We have spread the word with over 1,000 sold!
- Do You Write Using a TSL Pen?
- Look for Awareness Key Chains Coming in October!

September, 2006

WE'RE BACK!

TIME TO RECONNECT!

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

Thursday, September 28, 2006

7:00 PM Social Time

7:30 PM Meeting Starts

NEW FRIENDS, OLD FRIENDS

**All Are Invited
See You There!**



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TSL'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2006	GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2006	GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2006	GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2006	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON ROMOLO'S RESTAURANT
JANUARY/FEBRUARY	WINTER BREAK
MARCH 29, 2007	GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 21, 2007	13TH ANNUAL WALK-A-THON
APRIL 26, 2007	GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL
MAY 30, 2007	<i>Take Me Out</i> ELMWOOD THEATRE BENEFIT
JULY, AUGUST, 2007	BREAK FOR THE SUMMER
SEPTEMBER, 2007	FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Reserve these Dates on your Calendars!

Contact a Board Member with Topic/Speaker Recommendations

TRANSPLANTS SAVE LIVES, INC.

We are a non-profit organization for transplant recipients and their families, donor families, and people waiting for transplants and their families. We meet on a monthly basis at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY. These meetings are a combination of support and keeping our members up-to-date on all issues of transplantation. Speakers represent all facets of organ donation and transplantation and are foremost in their field. We also enjoy social events together throughout the year.

We Look Forward to Seeing YOU at our Meetings!

Transplants Save Lives, Inc. Board of Directors

Barbara Blumenthal, spouse	845-352-5099
Nicholas Cinalli, liver	845-353-3062
Patricia Malone, kidney	845-354-9737
David Morris, donor	845-634-6144
Farrah Negrin	845-627-2240
Sue Negrin, heart	845-627-2240
Rick Pascarella	845-215-5137
Jerry Rosenblatt	845-357-5758

What We Do, Does Make A Difference

TRANSPLANT ANNIVERSARIES

Rosemarie DiNapoli, kidney, 7/2005 - Sorry this was missed last time!

Dennis Derrick, kidney, 9/2003

Maria Lopez, kidney, 9/1995

Gisela Schulze, liver, 9/1989

Love to see those transplant anniversaries!
Please call Sue @627-2240 if we missed yours.

SAVE THE DATE

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION KIDNEY WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

RIVERSIDE PARK, NYC (ALONG THE HUDSON RIVER)

9:30 AM REGISTRATION 10:30 AM WALK

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 212-889-2210 EXT. 250

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.KIDNEYGYN.ORG

WHO MAKES UP TRANSPLANTS SAVE LIVES, INC.?

WHAT TSL's PAID MEMBERSHIP LOOKS LIKE TO DATE:

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

LIVER TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

HEART TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

DOUBLE LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT

CORNEA TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

KIDNEY DONORS

DONOR FAMILIES

FAMILIES OF TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS

SUPPORTERS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE TRANSPLANTATION

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

WHAT WE DO DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DUES?

Members' Corner

TSL thanks **Pat Malone**, kidney transplant recipient, and **Rick Pascarella**, for manning a table at the Alfonso Sedotto Memorial Race.

TSL welcomes the **Gilroy family**, heart transplant recipient, **Jack** (turning 8 years old this September, Happy Birthday!) who received his heart May, 2006, mom and dad, **Denise** and **John**, and sister, **Clare**; and **Ben Bulfamante**, liver transplant recipient; and **Jacqueline Murray**, double-lung transplant recipient.

Thank you to **Nicholas Cinalli**, liver transplant recipient, and **Sue Negrin**, heart transplant recipient, and **Pat Malone**, kidney transplant recipient, for taping a public service announcement to be aired on Cablevision from the end of September through October in Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties. Special thanks to **Matt Negrin** for his technical expertise!

Did you all see **Alex Monaco's** picture in the first publication of *Rockland*, the magazine published monthly by the Journal News? Alex is the son of **Helen Monaco**, heart transplant recipient, and he was pictured at TSL's Walk-A-Thon, wearing the shirt Helen made for him, which said, *My Mommy Has A New Heart Thanks Donors!* If you missed it, you can see it online at www.rocklandmag.com!

This newsletter is brought to you through the
generosity of **Mr. Gregg Farrell Brie**
1-866-I Don't Know, Inc.

What is I Don't Know, Inc. and How Can it Help You?

I Don't Know, Inc. is a free information service. You speak to live operators 24 hours a day 7 days a week who will assist you in locating services and any other information you need. Finding the greatest merchants and suppliers in the county doesn't have to cost you time and money.

CALL: 1-866-436-6856

You will receive names of people, services, to contact.

Any Question Answered.....Any Time.

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1-866-I DON'T KNOW

NOTICE OF TSL MEMBERSHIP DUES

No increase has been taken in the membership dues!

A family membership is \$25

A single membership is \$15

Fill out the form below and send it back with your check to:

TSL P O Box 516 Nanuet, NY 10954

This notice is in lieu of receiving a separate membership dues notice to save on postage.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Transplant/Hospital/

Anniversary Date: _____

Occupation: _____

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| I would like to be involved with: | Membership | Website |
| Monthly Speakers | Special Projects | Publicity |
| Speaking Engagements | Board of Directors | Monthly Newsletter |
| NYODN | Greater NY area Coalition on Donation | |

Be An Advocate for Organ and Tissue Donation

Join the TSL Family!

They say it takes a community to help raise a child — it takes a member of TSL to help raise the awareness in our community!

WHAT WE DO, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you to Nick Cinalli.....

Do Nothing—and Save A Life. SKENAZY'S WORLD By Lenore Skenazy. THE DAILY NEWS.

There is something to be said for inertia. It's powerful. The same irresistible force that keep dad in his hammock and mom married to him can be harnessed for good—if Gov. Pataki sets it in motion. How? Here is the deal. (Stick with me).

On the governor's desk sits a package of bills, all geared toward encouraging New Yorkers to become organ donors and all cheered by Willie Brodsky, the 14-year-old who is about to get a kidney from her assemblyman father, Richard Brodsky, (D-Westchester). The most revolutionary among these bills would have the state start studying something called "presumed consent" - the practice whereby everyone in the state is presumed to consent to being an organ donor; folks can always call a registry to say, "Nope! Not me!" at which point he or she would be placed on the nondonor list. But of course, most people wouldn't bother to do this. Why not? Inertia! Blessed inertia. And by simply doing nothing at all, they could end up saving the roughly 8,000 New Yorkers now desperate for a transplant.

Right now, organ donation works just the opposite way. If you want to be a donor; you have to join the organ donor registry-go to www.donatelifeny.org or call 866 NYDONOR. Or you have to indicate your willingness to be a donor by stating this when you get your driver's license. Then you have to check off the box on the back of your driver's license and sign it in pen. (Good luck — I

Just tried to do this and it's like trying to write on wax paper.) You're also supposed to get it signed by two witnesses. The whole thing is a pain. Not a major pain, like flossing. But it does take some effort, while not signing up takes no effort at all. It is time to flip that. Spain and Belgium already have—with remarkable results. "There are not waiting lists for organs," says Ian Ayres, co-author of the book "Why Not?" His book points out that 75% of Americans say they would be willing to donate their organs. The problem is, "they don't get around to making their preferences known." With presumed consent, all those people would get the chance to do their good deed.

Greece, Italy, and France have their own versions of presumed consent. Why are we so far behind? "in Europe, they're a little different," says NY Organ Donor Network CEO Elaine Berg. "Americans so fiercely value their freedoms—even to carry a pistol—that they don't want to be told what to do." Maybe so. But if 55 million Americans can get themselves onto the "Do Not Call" telemarketers list, you can be the ones who really want to hang onto their organs will get themselves onto the "do not donate list". The only thing stopping them will be inertia. Blessed inertia.

But inertia on Pataki's part would be a disgrace. George, pick up the pen.

Thanks to Nick Cinalli....

FROM THE HEART. MIRACLE MA HONOR FOR DONOR TEEN. By Joe Mollica and Leonard Greene. THE NEW YORK POST. June 5, 2006

A Manhattan ad executive whose life was miraculously saved by a heart transplant thanked her young donor's folks yesterday the best way she knew how—by naming them the godparents of her baby boy. Exactly two years before he was adopted, the baby boy's mom received a heart from a 15-year-old Connecticut girl whose parents donated her organs.

Desperate to say "thank you," the woman asked the girl's parents to take on a special role in her new child's life. "We were honored and thrilled," said Tom Ksprzak, whose daughter Mary, suffered a fatal stroke in 2003. We already have three granddaughters. We consider Francis our grandson."

After an agonizing 2-1/2 years, a donor heart became available to Kerry Keenan and her second life began.

Last September, two years after the transplant, Keenan and her husband adopted the baby boy, and began to share their joy.

Mary's path through life was completely different from that of the woman who would later carry her heart.

Unlike Kerry, whose heart disease came on suddenly and unexpectedly, Mary suffered through sickness most of her short life.

Born with Down's syndrome, Mary also battled a rare, progressive vascular disorder caused by blocked arteries at the base of the brain. Despite her medical troubles,

Mary had a good heart — a blessing meant to be taken in more ways than one.

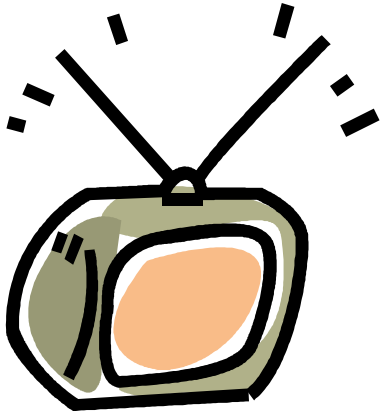
"Mary really lived her life teaching us how to live ours," her father said. "We knew that this is what Mary would want."

Months after her transplant, Kerry wrote a letter to the anonymous donor's parents, hoping it would make a difference. "I wanted to make sure to thank the family to let them know it was a tremendous gift and that it was not taken for granted," said Kerry.

Mary's parents responded and even sent a snapshot of their brave little girl.

Flesh Trade: Why Not Let People Sell Their Organs? By Stephen J. Dubner and Steven D. Levitt. THE NEW YORK TIMES. July 9, 2006.

Another perspective on how to increase donation. This was in the NY Times Sunday magazine section. You may possibly find this article online. More information on the research behind this column is at: www.freakonomics.com



**COMING TO YOU THIS OCTOBER....
 A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
 ON CABLEVISION
 IN ROCKLAND, DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM COUNTIES
 FOR
 TRANSPLANTS SAVE LIVES, INC.
 KEEP WATCHING FOR IT!**

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 ONLY A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY....**

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**HOME PAGE, NEWS/EVENTS, ABOUT US
 PICTURE PAGE, DONATION PAGE
 AND MORE!**



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 CLICK ON WWW.TRANSPLANTSSAVELIVES.COM
 EVERY DAY — MAKE IT YOUR OPENING PAGE — THE MORE HITS WE GET,
 THE BETTER PLACEMENT WE HAVE IN THE DIFFERENT SEARCH ENGINES!**



TRANSPLANTS...FROM THE ELDERLY! Community Service. THE PENNYSAVER. July 27, 2006.

Add to your list of surprising misconceptions...older Americans (50 plus) should be equally prized as heart donors—recipients fare just as well as when receiving a heart from a younger donor. Long term survival rates ten years after the transplant were just about identical for all patients. Dr. Frank Smart, now chief of cardiology at Morristown (NJ) Memorial Hospital, enthuses that in this years work at the Texas Heart Institute (Houston) he and fellow transplant surgeons sought hearts from older donors for older recipients, and had good survival rates. Thus with each passing day, as more and more older Americans become donor recipients far more older folks are becoming donors. Plus, says Dr. Smart, older recipients whose kidneys, lungs and other organs are healthy, have an easier time with a heart transplant and require less medication because their immune systems are less vigorous and less likely to reject a new organ. And in the area of older patient transplants, liver and kidney surgery is achieving greater success. New tests, taken BEFORE a transplant can also tell how effective an older kidney might be in a younger patient. Thus it is rather certain that a significant portion of the 1500 kidneys taken and discarded each year may now start saving lives. It appears more older Americans are NOT TOO OLD to give and receive!

DONATING ORGANS ALBANY—The Journal News. June 21, 2006. by Nick Reisman.

State Lawmakers yesterday were considering a 12-bill package of incentives to donate organs. “All the bills that we’re trying to pass are incredibly important,” Willie Brodsky, daughter of Assemblyman Richard Brodsky, said at a Capitol news conference attended by her father and legislative leaders. The Democratic assemblyman from Greenburgh quite his run for state attorney general this year to donate a kidney this summer to his 14-year-old daughter. Willie Brodsky has an autoimmune disease that rejects organs. Lawmakers said that the measures would promote organ donation. The bills include an income-tax credit of up to \$10,000 for donors and families. Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, D-Manhattan, said the Democratic-led body would pass the measures by the end of this week. He declined to elaborate on how much they would cost the state. Of the 12 bills, nine of them have sponsors in the Republican-controlled Senate.

**GREAT NEWS!
AUGUST 17, 2006
MESSAGE RECEIVED
THE ENTIRE PACKAGE OF
12-BILLS WAS SIGNED
BY THE GOVERNOR!
See next page for details**

KIDNEY DONOR SAVES 3 LIVES. Altruistic act starts transplant chain that aids Yonkers resident. By Melissa Klein. THE JOURNAL NEWS. June 28, 2006.

John McGuinness was willing to donate a kidney to help someone in need, despite not knowing anyone who fit that bill. The 39-year-old Long Island resident ended up setting in motion a chain of transplants that resulted in 3 people receiving kidneys, including a Yonkers resident. McGuinness said he heard a news report about organ donations last December and began to consider becoming a donor. He said his sister, a registered nurse from Yorktown, helped him go over information he received on transplants from the New York Organ Donor Network. There is no shortage of those who need kidneys, with about 600 on NY Presbyterian-Columbia Med Ctr.'s list. Some of those may have a spouse or relative willing to donate but the two are not compatible. The hospital has a swap program that attempts to pair sets of potential donors and recipients to facilitate more transplants. When McGuinness came forward, the hospital was able to execute a three-way swap, which has never been done before at Columbia and only rarely in the U.S. McGuinness was found to be a perfect match for a woman from Warwick. Her husband, in turn matched a NYC woman who received one of his kidneys. The woman's brother-in-law did not match anyone else in the swap program but was compatible with a man from Yonkers who was on the hospital's waiting list for two years. “The one altruistic donor sort of completed the cycle. We were missing that one person, because there was no relative to fill that spot.” All of the transplants were done on May 30, with six operating rooms going at the same time. All of the donated kidneys worked well.

WHAT WE DO, DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**August 18, 2006****GOVERNOR SIGNS SERIES OF BILLS ENCOURAGING ORGAN DONATION****Countless Additional New Yorkers to Receive the “Gift of Life”**

Governor George E. Pataki today announced he has signed into law a series of bills that will encourage organ and tissue donation in New York State, ensuring that countless additional New Yorkers receive the “Gift of Life.”

“While we have made great strides in recent years, thousands of Americans still wait for the life saving help that many times simply is not available,” Governor Pataki said. “That’s why it is literally vital that we continue to encourage New Yorkers to consider becoming an organ donor. On behalf of New Yorkers like Willie Brodsky, that’s why I am pleased to sign these bills that help advance that goal into law.”

Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno said, “Organ donation is a difficult decision but can be tremendously rewarding because it can save someone’s life. These new laws are critically important to educate people about organ donation and encourage people to make that decision. I applaud the Governor for signing these bills into law, as well as the bill sponsors, Senators Kemp Hannon, Nicholas Spano, Joe Robach and John Bonacic.”

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said, “Everyday thousands of desperate New Yorkers wait for the phone to ring with news of an available kidney, liver, heart or lung. This legislative package will go a long way in calling attention to the dire need for donated organs and will result in a greater number of New Yorkers choosing to make this ultimate, lifesaving gift. I applaud all the members of the Assembly who worked to bring about these laws, especially Richard Brodsky and Sam Hoyt.”

“I want to thank the Governor, Speaker, Majority Leader and every member of the Legislature who listened to us and helped save thousands of families’ lives. It’s a very big day for families across New York,” said Willie Brodsky, daughter of Assemblyman Richard Brodsky and recent transplant recipient.

“I agree with Willie,” said Assemblyman Richard Brodsky.

The bills include:

- A3995(Cahill)/S8281(Bonacic) – Requires a driver’s license or renewal to prominently display the words “Organ Donor” in cases where the person has consented to donate.
- A4294-A(Hoyt)/S4610-A(Hannon) – Requires a license application or renewal form to include a box for a voluntary one dollar donation to the “Life Pass It On” Fund.
- A9902-B(Latimer)/S8312(Spano) – Requires the Department of Health to inform New Yorkers about the need and importance of organ and tissue donation through Health Care and Wellness Education and Outreach Program.
- A11842(Brodsky)/S8256(Spano) – Directs the Transplant Council to issue a report on the issues surrounding presumed consent for organ donation, with a focus on “presumed consent” systems set forth in other nations. In a system of presumed consent, the person is presumed to consent to donation unless he or she specifies otherwise.
- A11883(Schimminger)/S8379(Robach) – Transforms the New York State Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to one of intent to one of consent.
- A11887(Conte)/S8465(Robach) – Renames the New York State Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to the “Donate Life” Registry to further encourage organ and tissue donation.
- A3072(Hoyt)/S759(Hannon) – Provides up to \$10,000 subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for certain unreimbursed expenses incurred by living organ donor, including travel, lodging or lost wages.

The Governor and Legislature created the State's Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in June 2000 to afford individuals the ability to donate their organs and tissues for medical use. The bills signed by the Governor today will bolster public awareness about the critical importance and demand for organ and tissue donation, and dramatically increase the number of potential donors across the State.

Elaine Berg, President and CEO of The New York Organ Donor Network said, “There are over 93,000 people desperately waiting for organ transplants in the United States, about 7,000 of them are right here in the greater New York area. While more needs to be done, this is a significant milestone in New York. By making this legislation into law, many New Yorkers' names will be removed from the waiting list because they received the gift of life.”

Recent statistics show that there are more than 87,000 people on organ transplant waiting lists in the United States, including more than 8,000 New Yorkers. Additionally, there are tens of thousands in need of tissue transplants. In 2004, there were approximately 14,000 organ donors allowing for more than 27,000 organ transplants to be performed in the United States. Despite this positive development in the organ and tissue transplant arena, the number of patients who have died while waiting for a transplant has tripled during the past decade.

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