



SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE

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OUR MISSION

Second Chance at Life provides financial support to transplant patients in Michigan who cannot otherwise afford prescriptions, medical bills, and other necessities during and/or after a transplant. Second Chance at Life also works to increase awareness of the need for individuals to register as organ donors and supports research to improve treatment and care for transplant patients.



President's Message

As fall beckons, we're celebrating the conclusion of another busy fundraising season.

This year afforded us opportunities to build on our "signature" fundraising events and try some new things.

For the first time, we hosted an "Ultimate Raffle" in our off-season. In the past, we've taken a bit of a break from fundraising during the cold winter months, but we've always wanted to find a way to keep the momentum going year-round and the raffle allowed us to do just that!

For just \$20 a ticket, we offered people the opportunity to win several prizes, included a big screen TV, iPod and the all-important iPad! The drawing was held during our Bowl-A-Rama, and we raised more than \$7,500. We found the raffle offered a great opportunity to involve some of our supporters who aren't able to make it to our events. Stay tuned this year for another exciting way to stay involved.

Of course, our year wouldn't be complete without our two signature events – the Bowl-A-Rama and the annual golf outing. Both events enjoyed great success in 2011. Woodland Lanes played host to 144 bowlers this year and between our dedicated bowlers and spectators who participated in the live auctions and giveaways, we raised over \$18,700.

The golf outing went equally well with 76 golfers raising over \$8,600 this year. Cattails Golf Club was a wonderful host for the day. Many of our golfers stayed for dinner and

enjoyed a live auction and a few friendly jabs from the day on the course.

This year we also hosted several smaller events, including a spaghetti dinner, Tigers outing, and even had the opportunity to work a local Poker Tournament where we had the opportunity to receive a portion of the profits. Together, these events raised more than \$3,100.

As you can tell, we've been blessed with a successful year and are excited to continue expanding the number of grants we award. In Michigan, the local transplant centers are keeping us busy with grant applications. So far in 2011, we've awarded more than 10 grants to individuals throughout Southeast Michigan.

The grants are ranging from helping with insurance co-pays to prescription costs. In many cases, the grant we've provided has provided the patient with a little breathing room to cover his or her medical expenses and avoid defaulting on other bills, like mortgage or utility payments.

The Pennsylvania Chapter is also making headway and preparing to award their first grant after a successful fundraising season. You can read more about their progress in this edition.

It's been a dream come true to watch the organization gain footing and begin to take off. There's no telling where we can go from here.

SHELLY MORELL, PRESIDENT

News from PA

The Pennsylvania Chapter is off to a great start! Its first fundraising endeavor was a New York City bus trip in December, which raised over \$1,400! The trip brought together 56 people to shop, see the sights, and learn about organ donation.

Since then, the Chapter has hosted two fundraising events. In April, the Pittsburgh Steelers traveling basketball team challenged a local high school's alumni team with proceeds benefiting the Chapter. Six members of the Steelers signed autographs, posed for photos and gave the crowd an enjoyable evening.

In August, the Chapter hosted the Fourth Annual Kevin Frenock Memorial Hockey Tournament. A committee of Kevin's friends, along with Pistelli and Paul, has decided that proceeds will benefit Second Chance at Life. This tournament brings together 12 local teams of young adults all competing for bragging rights.

The Chapter has also teamed up with Sarris Candy to sell candy bars throughout the year at various business locations. Second Chance at Life will receive a 50 percent profit on sales.

Education has been a key component at each fundraising event. In addition, Pistelli, a living kidney donor, has been invited to speak at numerous events in the Pittsburgh area and Paul writes a monthly column on organ donation for the Observer-Reporter.

Now that fundraising has taken off, the Chapter is turning toward grant-making, with the hope of awarding its first grant this fall.

At right: Pennsylvania Chapter volunteers with members of the Pittsburgh Steelers basketball team.

Story of a Second Chance: Leroy Hollis

After five years on dialysis, Leroy Hollis finally received a kidney transplant in January 2011. With the new kidney came a new way of life no longer bound by the physical and mental confines of a dialysis machine.

But the transplant also brought expenses Leroy and his family hadn't experienced before. Not only the cost of the surgery, but the cost of the medication necessary to maintain his transplant began to add up. Even with insurance, he and his wife simply could not afford the medication while also supporting their family of five.

Leroy turned to his social worker at Henry Ford Hospital, who applied on his behalf to Second Chance at Life.

"Receiving a grant from Second Chance at Life was a relief. I was concerned about deciding what my family could go without, just so I could get my medication. I'm not sure what I would have done had I not received their assistance."

Leroy is doing all he can to take care of his new kidney. With our help, he's able to maintain a healthy transplant without sacrificing his family's needs.



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Social Worker's Corner: Offering Support

A transplant can improve someone's quality of life, but it can also be a difficult time. New medications, new health concerns, and potential complications are all possible.

Many hospitals offer support groups to help transplant patients through those difficult times. The groups meet several times a year, often bringing in guest speakers who discuss various issues associated with maintaining a transplanted organ. In addition, some Transplant Centers offer one-on-one mentoring and ambassador programs staffed by transplant recipients who volunteer their time to help others awaiting a transplant.

To get involved in a transplant support group near you, contact your Transplant Center Social Worker.