



~~ SAVING LIVES THROUGH ORGAN DONATION ~~

www.secondchanceatlife.org

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Our Mission Statement

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.

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Second Chance at Life wins-Co-op Cares Project Donation

In 2009, Co-op Services Credit Union gave \$1,000 to anyone who opened a Co-op Services FREE checking account. Recipients could keep the money if they needed it, but Co-op asks that they join in on the giving by donating a portion of the money to a local charity.

Visitors to Co-op's Project 100 website were asked to vote for their favorite Co-op Cares Project charity, and at the end of the year, the three charities with the most votes were to receive one-third of all donations collected.

Second Chance at Life was one of the recipients based on all your votes and received the donation at a presentation ceremony in February from the main branch of Co-op Credit Union in Livonia.



Second Chance at Life Supporter Helps Donor Drive 2010

As part of the Gift of Life's effort to add one thousand new names this year to the donor registry, Second Chance at Life has been handing out cards to support the movement. Last week, Monette of Tico Titanium single handedly signed up eight people from work!

To become an organ donor, go to <http://donordrive2010.com/>

Social Worker's Corner

Is Dental Covered?

Many people may not realize that organ transplant patients need specialized dental care. The compromised health and immune system of patients place them at an increased risk for systemic and oral infections. This is why dental is a critical check box in the long list of steps/checks-ups that a transplant patient must have addressed prior to being approved to be listed. In addition, the medicines required by many transplant patients actually soften the enamel on their teeth over time, which can lead to more problems if not checked regularly.

Most dental plans only cover partial costs and periodic visits that do not fit a transplant patient's schedule. This can lead to unplanned financial burdens and delays at a critical stage in someone's transplant process.

The answer is, YES, we can consider dental work treatment through our granting process.

If you have any further questions regarding an application or eligibility requirements, please go to <http://www.secondchanceatlife.org/id1.html>



We will reserve a part of our quarterly newsletter for our Social Workers. They will address frequently asked questions or other topics of interest.

From Second Chance at Life

We hope you find our first newsletter interesting and informative. We plan to send out quarterly communications to our supporters to keep you updated on our development and events.

A focal point of our mission is to provide the patient resources needed to help ease the burdens placed on families during the transplant process. Our organization not only assists recipients, we assist donor families as well.

Last December, we attend an event in Grand Haven, Michigan. We had the ultimate pleasure of meeting Nick Taylor's family. Nick was honored for his selfless contributions. We were amazed at the number of lives he touched from his gifts. The event also helped us appreciate the many intangible concerns that can be thrust upon a family.

Second Chance at Life is in the beginning stages of working with one West Michigan hospitals to set up a fund honoring Nick. In honor of Nick, the fund was named, "the Nick Iverson Fund." This fund will be assisting donor families with emergency funds just as we are doing with recipient families.

This year, Second Chance at Life plans on reaching out to new hospitals and groups. We will announce all groundbreaking news throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

Golf Outing Saturday, July 24, 2010
Links of Novi
50395 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48374-2620
(248) 380-9595

Bowlarama Date will be set soon
Woodland Lanes
33775 Plymouth Road
Livonia, MI 48150-1563
(734) 522-4515

Do You Have an Idea for a Fundraising Event?

If you have an idea for a good fundraising event, share your ideas with us. Everyone likes to have fun, and when it is having fun to help others, it is even better!

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