



Who We Serve

We're here to help
you, the donor!

We serve all kinds of living organ donors: kidney, bone marrow, liver, and others. We will help as many donors as our funds allow regardless of race, creed, or income. One hospital study found that as many as 24% of family members or friends who originally agreed to donate changed their minds for financial reasons. We will do anything we can to help living organ donors avoid facing that dilemma. Transplant recipients are not our clients, but we help them indirectly by helping their organ donors.

The Realities of Organ Donation

"I donated a kidney to my brother, who lives in another state. The cost of travel alone can be daunting...The original donation date was changed, as can happen with any transplant. Airlines charge large fees to change flights, and we had to pay them — twice. I had four family members traveling with me, so it was especially expensive. I lost two weeks of vacation time to donate, and 25% of my weekly salary until I came back full time, after two months. I was lucky to have family close by, which helped with our food and lodging. For people without that kind of support, donation is basically unthinkable." — *Rebecca Bertha, organ donor & surgical nurse*



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Did you know out-of-pocket expenses are often higher for living organ donors than for their recipients?

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FAQ

What other resources can ALODF provide?

The American Living Organ Donor Fund website (www.ALODF.org) has state-by-state information on living donation, government programs available to donors, and private charities that might be available to help meet donor needs. The ALODF donor support group on Facebook is a closed group where we hope living organ donors and those considering becoming living donors can share their experiences and concerns (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/588973681237149/>).

Are there any qualifications for getting financial assistance from ALODF?

ALODF provides assistance to living organ donors regardless of their financial status. We understand that sometimes the issue is not income but whether a person has paid leave to donate and enough money to pay the bills during recovery. The ALODF prefers to receive applications for financial assistance before a donor's surgery, but will accept them up to two months post-donation. Note that our ability to help living organ donors depends on the availability of funds.



Living organ donors on average spend \$5,000 out-of-pocket, but sometimes costs go as high as \$20,000. Fewer than 10% of Americans can afford to donate an organ without using their savings or going into debt. Living donors and their families should not have to suffer financially in order to give the gift of life. We want to make donating a sustainable option for everyone!

The American Living Organ Donor Fund (ALODF) helps people cover lodging, travel, and other expenses associated with organ donation.

Over 120,000 Americans are now waiting for transplants – many of them could be helped by living organ donors. The American Living Organ Donor Fund is here to help living organ donors save lives.