



Meeting the Moments by Educating and Empowering Multicultural Communities.

February 2025 | Detroit, MI

Greetings!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter keeping you updated on all the exciting things happening with the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation. As we continue to focus on our mission to empower the community and reduce the need for organ transplantation among ethnic minorities, we appreciate your support. We have a number of upcoming and ongoing activities and look forward to your continued engagement and participation. - *Silas Norman DMF Board Chair*

"Together we can do great things" - Mother Theresa

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Congratulations to our very own Remonia Chapman!

We are excited to announce that our Director, Remonia Chapman, has been recognized by the Michigan Chronicle as one of Southeast Michigan's Non-Profit Trailblazers!

Her unwavering dedication to organ donation advocacy, community empowerment, and saving lives through the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation continues to make a lasting impact. This well-deserved honor will be featured in the 2025 Applause Issue Special Edition - a celebration of those who lead with purpose and inspire change.

Join us in celebrating this incredible achievement!♥



Honoring Legacy, Celebrating Progress, and Inspiring Change

February is Black History Month—a time to honor the past, celebrate the present, and build for the future. This month, we reflect on the rich legacy of African Americans whose resilience, achievements, and sacrifices have paved the way for progress. From pioneers in medicine and science to leaders in civil rights and social justice, their contributions continue to shape our communities and inspire generations.

At Detroit MOTTEP Foundation, we are proud to uplift the stories of African Americans in transplantation and healthcare—advocates and trailblazers who are making a difference in the fight to save lives.

In preparation for our 15th Annual Symposium, we highlight African Americans in Transplantation, honoring those who have paved the way and those who are leading the charge today.



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Clive Callender, M.D., D SC, FAC*A Legacy of Advocacy & Change*

Dr. Clive Callender is a pioneer in organ transplantation, breaking barriers as the Founder of the National MOTTEP and a Professor of Surgery at Howard University. His groundbreaking work has transformed organ donation within African American communities, addressing disparities and saving lives. We honor his enduring impact..

Janice F. Whaley, Ph.D., M.P.H.*Breaking Barriers in Organ Procurement*

As the first African American female president of an Organ Procurement Organization (OPO), President & CEO of Donor Network West, Dr. Janice Whaley is leading the charge in improving organ donation and transplantation rates in diverse communities. Her leadership is paving the way for equity in healthcare.

Silas P. Norman, M.D., M.P.H.*Champion for Equity in Transplantation*

Dr. Silas P. Norman has dedicated his career to increasing access to kidney and pancreas transplantation, ensuring that underserved communities receive life-saving care. As the Co-Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation at the University of Michigan Health and Chairman of the Board for Detroit MOTTEP, his leadership is shaping a more inclusive future in organ transplantation.

Kimberly Arriola, Ph.D., M.P.H.*Shaping the Future of Public Health*

Dr. Kimberly Arriola's leadership in education and public health is driving systemic change. As Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Dean at Emory University, she is committed to mentoring the next generation of health professionals while advancing research on health disparities.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Brittany Bryant Clayborne, M.S., Psy.D.*From Patient to Powerful Voice*

As a transplant recipient turned advocate, Dr. Brittany Bryant Clayborne founded Brittany Speaks, Inc. to empower others through education, inspiration, and storytelling. Her journey from patient to leader showcases the power of resilience and advocacy in the transplant community.

Tanjala Purnell, Ph.D.*Advancing Health Equity Through Research*

Dr. Tanjala Purnell is at the forefront of addressing disparities in transplantation and healthcare access. As an Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins University specializing in Epidemiology, Surgery, and Health Policy, her work bridges research and real-world solutions to improve outcomes for marginalized communities.

Meeting the Moment: Finding A Living Donor

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION



FREE PROGRAM

FINDING A LIVING DONOR



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Do you need a kidney transplant? Or do you know someone who needs one?
In this free program, you'll learn effective tools and tips for finding a
living kidney donor. You'll also hear living donor recipients and
living donors share their stories.

Join Us!

Monday, March 17, 2025

6:00 – 8:00pm ET

Location: Hybrid

In-Person at Henry Ford Hospital in the Education & Resource Room (E&R 2055)
or Zoom Video Conference

*A light dinner will be provided to in-person attendees.
Zoom requires a computer or device with Internet access.*



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Questions?

Contact Devon Hagerman at
the National Kidney
Foundation of Michigan:
800.482.1455 ext. 2370 or
dhagerman@nkfm.org

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#OurHearts

February is American Heart Month

When we take care of our hearts as part of our self-care, we set an example for others.



National Heart, Lung,
and Blood Institute



This #HeartMonth, let's move together to protect #OurHearts! ♥ 150 mins of activity/week ☑ Add muscle-strengthening exercises ☑ ♂ Take the stairs or walk around the block with neighbors. Small changes = healthier hearts! Find more ways to get active: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth

AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY: This #HeartMonth, savor the bold, comforting flavors of traditional dishes while prioritizing your #HeartHealth! ☑ Dive into recipes designed to keep every bite delicious and nourishing.

Get started here: <https://go.nih.gov/vyVxXJf>

ORGAN DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION IN THE NEWS

Black kidney patients find renewed hope after rules change for transplant list

ABC News | By Nathan Smith & Doc Louallen
February 4, 2025

Since the 1990s, a race-based method for



How race has played a factor in kidney transplants Temple University PhD student Jazmin Evans speaks with ABC News.

assessing kidney function had the potential to limit access to the waiting list for Black patients. However, thousands of these patients were moved up the list in recent years when a widely used lab test was found to calculate results differently for Black patients.

"We have a long history in this country of actual biases against certain transplant

candidates, in particular African Americans, because of the way that we calculate how bad the kidney function is," Dr. Edmund Pribitkin, a professor at Thomas Jefferson University, said. "African Americans were pushed to the bottom of the transplant list."

The push to the bottom of the transplant list was one Philadelphia woman's reality after she was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2019. Jazmin Evans' doctor informed her that her GFR, which indicates the filtration rate of her kidneys and how effectively they are filtering waste out of her bloodstream, was very low. [READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)

15th Annual Kountz | Callender | Drew Transplant Symposium

We invite you to join us for an inspiring, educational day at the 15th annual **Kountz Callender Drew Transplant Symposium**! This year's theme is "Transplantation: Reflective Voices, Riveting Results and Revolutionary Future."

The Symposium will be held on **Wednesday, March 19** from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the University of Michigan's North Campus Research Complex (free parking on-site) and will also be available virtually via Zoom. Please join us for an appetizer and dessert reception immediately following the program.

The Symposium is approved for **7.25 CEs** for physicians and nurses, and other CEs have been applied for. This is a great learning opportunity for medical staff, transplant professionals, chaplains, social workers, students, and everyone who is interested in medical equity and organ donation/transplant.

Use this link to register: <https://michmed.org/BnYAn>

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March 19, 2025 • 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

University of Michigan
North Campus Research Complex
2800 Plymouth Rd., Building 18
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

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This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the University of Michigan Medical School and Gift of Life MOTTEP. The University of Michigan Medical School is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Michigan Medical School designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Additional credit information for other disciplines can be found on the course website.



STATE OF MICHIGAN CURRENT WAITING LISTS

Over 103,000 individuals are waiting for organ transplants in the U.S. as of February 24, 2025, Including nearly 90,000 waiting for a kidney transplant.

In Michigan, over 2600 people are waiting for transplants, 2,190 for a kidney transplant, and nearly 1/3 are African American.

	All Organs	Kidney	Liver	Pancreas	Kidney / Pancreas	Heart	Lung	Heart / Lung	Intestine
All Races/Ethnicities	2,650	2,190	173	24	28	139	89	1	6
White, Non-Hispanic	1,511	1,178	138	14	18	89	71	0	3
Black, Non-Hispanic	847	765	9	8	8	45	9	1	2
Hispanic/Latino	123	106	6	1	0	4	5	0	1
Unknown	22	10	11	0	0	0	1	0	0
Asian, Non-Hispanic	95	87	4	0	1	1	2	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic	12	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiracial, Non-Hispanic	36	30	4	1	1	0	0	0	0

Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction. This report shows OPTN data for Organ by Race/Ethnicity through February 23, 2025. OPTN Data is updated on a monthly basis.



[Join the organ donor registry TODAY!](#)

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