



Our Mission

To decrease the number and rate of ethnic minority Americans needing organ and tissue transplants.

Our Vision

To be the trusted voice creating healthy communities through disease prevention, education, and organ donation awareness.

Meeting the Moments by Educating and Empowering Multicultural Communities.

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Greetings & Happy National Minority Donor Awareness Month!

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

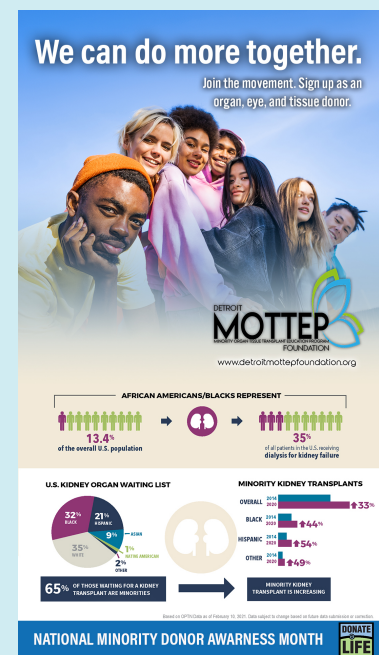


AUGUST IS NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

National Minority Donor Awareness Month (NMDAM) stems from National Minority Donor Awareness Week which was founded in 1996 by the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP). The intent was to bring heightened awareness to donation and transplantation in multicultural communities with a primary focus on African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander and Native-American communities.

NMDAM is a collaborative action of the National Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation Multicultural Action Group (NMDAG) that aims to create a positive culture for organ, eye, and tissue donation to save and improve the quality of life of diverse communities.

During NMDAM, national organ donation organizations bring increased awareness to the need for more organ, eye, and tissue donors within multicultural communities, provide donation education, inspire donor registration, and promote healthy living and disease prevention to reduce the need for transplantation. NMDAM is a critical effort to drive the positive messages that are



needed for minority communities to make the decision for organ, eye, and tissue donation.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Get involved and help us spread the word. You can share this newsletter or visit our social media, [FACEBOOK](#) or [INSTAGRAM](#) and share the NMDAM graphics, start a conversation with family or friends about organ and tissue donation and healthy living.



As we reflect on the [27th Annual LIFE Walk & Run](#) we are overwhelmed with gratitude. With over 2200 participants joining us it was a beautiful morning filled with hope, unity, and a shared commitment to saving and extending lives. Thanks to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 30 participants were able to receive kidney screenings that morning. That is a record number!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our participants, donors, supporters, and sponsors. Your dedication and support are the cornerstones of our success. For the past 30 years, the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation has been able to make a significant impact in our community because of individuals like you.

Your kindness and generosity enable us to continue our mission, and for that, we are profoundly grateful. As we celebrate the achievements of this year's event, we are already looking to the future. We hope to see you at the next Life Walk & Run on Saturday, July 26, 2025.

Thank you once more for your unwavering support and for being a part of the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation family.





THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2024 LIFE WALK/RUN SPONSORS

Michigan Medicine - The Links Incorporated Greater Wayne County (MI Chapter) - Gift of Life Michigan - National Kidney Foundation of Michigan - Children's Hospital of Michigan|DMC - Kemp Funeral & Cremation Services - Michigan Donor Family Council - City of Detroit - Henry Ford Health Transplant - Global Transplant Solutions - Ainsleys Angels - Eversight - Frederick G. Sampson Foundation - Credit Union ONE



Detroit MOTTEP Foundation

Board Member Spotlight

Welcoming Dr. Silas Norman: A Dynamic Leader Stepping into the Role of Board Chair

In our board member spotlight, The Detroit MOTTEP Foundation is thrilled to announce Dr. Silas Norman as our new Board Chair. Dr. Norman's appointment marks an exciting new chapter for our organization, as we continue to expand our mission of educating and advocating for organ and tissue transplantation within minority communities.

Dr. Norman is a distinguished transplant nephrologist and Clinical Professor of Medicine with an impressive background in both clinical practice and public health. He earned his medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and later pursued a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan. His deep commitment to the field is evident through his roles as Co-Medical Director of Kidney and Pancreas Transplantation at the University of Michigan and as Director of the Transplant Center Multispecialty Clinics.



Beyond his clinical achievements, Dr. Norman is passionately dedicated to addressing health disparities. His research focuses on reducing these disparities in kidney transplantation and evaluating medical frailty—work that is crucial in our ongoing efforts to improve the lives of those most in need.

Dr. Norman is not only a valued member of our community but also actively contributes to broader efforts through his positions on the Board of Directors for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and the American Kidney Fund Board of Trustees.

As the new Chair of the Detroit MOTTEP Foundation, Dr. Norman brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and energy. We are excited to have him at the helm, guiding our initiatives with his vision and expertise. His active involvement is already making a significant impact, and we look forward to the future under his leadership.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Silas Norman as we continue our vital work together!

Volunteer Spotlight

Celebrating The Heart Of Our Community



Volunteer Spotlight

This month, we are proud to shine the spotlight on Debora Dearing, a remarkable volunteer whose dedication and resilience continue to inspire us all.

Debora's journey with organ transplantation began in 2015 when she spent nine months at Henry Ford Hospital, seven of them waiting and praying for a double lung transplant that would save her life. Following her successful transplant, Debora became a beacon of hope for others, visiting transplant candidates to reassure them and spread positivity whenever doctors or nurses requested her support.

Beyond the hospital, Debora took her message of hope and the importance of organ donation to local churches and community events, passionately encouraging others to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry.

Debora's commitment to giving back has been unwavering. She has been a dedicated volunteer at our Annual LIFE Walk and Run and is currently working with us on the "Meet The Moment Community Initiative: Medicaid Readiness." This initiative, in partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, aims to raise awareness about changes in Michigan Medicaid programs.

In addition to her work with us, Debora serves on the board of directors of Aarolyn's House of Hope, a nonprofit organization striving to open a house in Detroit for out-of-town transplant patients and their families.

We are deeply grateful for Debora Dearing's continued service and her passionate advocacy for organ donation. Her story is a powerful reminder of the impact one person can have on the lives of many.

Learn more about [Debora's story here](#) presented by Henry Ford Transplant Institute.



Awareness • Education • Empowerment

Empowering Minority Communities for Health, Wellness and Readiness

Meeting The Moment: MEDICAID READINESS

Over the past month, our "Medicaid Readiness" initiative has been in full swing, with our dedicated community health workers extending our footprint across various platforms. In partnership with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, we are committed to ensuring that our communities are well-informed about the recent changes in Michigan Medicaid and the options available for those who have lost coverage.

Our team has been actively participating in multiple health fairs, community events, educational institution presentations, and more. At each event, we've been sharing crucial

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information to help individuals navigate the evolving Medicaid landscape.

A key part of our efforts is our continued expansion into Flint, where we are thrilled to partner with Brandon Corder, the visionary behind Beats X Beers. This lifestyle brand, with an audience reach of over 25,000, is dedicated to elevating the culture and creating impactful experiences. Together, we are amplifying our message and reaching more people than ever before.

As we move forward, we remain committed to "Meeting the Moment" and empowering our communities with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions about their health and health care. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to make a difference throughout Michigan.



[To learn more about our Medicaid Readiness Initiative click here](#)



MOTTEP IN THE COMMUNITY



We have had tremendous opportunities and partnerships in 2024 and it is our plan to continue to increase our footprint as we expand our activities in the community. We are committed to being the trusted voice creating healthy communities through disease prevention, education, and promoting organ and tissue donation awareness. With our ongoing Gift of Life Michigan partnership via Community Relations Coordinator Taneisha Carswell, over the past month we have done presentations with the American Red Cross, the City of Detroit, the City of Detroit Public Works, and Eastern Michigan Nursing School.

From educational presentations to community health fairs, we've been making strides in raising awareness and support for organ and tissue donation. We invite you to reach out to us if you're interested in partnering or hosting a community event. Together, we can make a difference! Send us an email at contact@dmfdetroit.org.

WZZM 13 ABC On your Side

Michigan kidney recipient shares her story to urge organ donations - *Published August 15, 2024*

Watch WZZM 13 ABC On Your Side piece of [Taniesha sharing her story here](#) to encourage people of color to register as an organ donor during National Minority Donor Awareness Month.



Organ Donation and Transplantation in The News

Ashley Suah, one of the country's only Black female transplant surgeons, promotes education and equity. *From At The Forefront UChicago Medicine [July 10, 2024]*



University of Chicago Medicine's new kidney and liver transplant surgeon, Ashley Suah, MD, is one of just 13 Black female transplant surgeons in the country.

As one of just 13 Black female transplant surgeons in the United States, Ashley Suah, MD, understands the significance of her role.

Black Americans are the largest minority group in need of an organ transplant, yet they only receive a fraction of the transplants performed, federal data shows. Historic inequities in preventative care and the donor selection process, among other problems, have fueled the gap. [READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)



Watch FOX 2's Hilary Golston's mother share her story with Detroit MOTTEP Foundation Board Chair Dr. Silas Norman joining them.



Watch here WXYZ Detroit TV 7's live broadcast of Detroit MOTTEP Foundation's 27th Annual LIFE Walk & Run from the historic Belle Isle State Park.



Read here the article from MLIVE Michigan by Fuad Shalhout about the Trivia Night hosted by GOLM in celebration of NMDAM.

MOTTEP MEN

This month in continuing our "MOTTEP Men" Initiative, launched last year we are excited to have Chef Landon Springs from Atlanta GA, share his commitment and Take The Pledge for better health.

For more information on our Meet The Moment "MOTTEP Men" Initiative or to participate and learn how you can take the pledge visit us at: www.mottepmen.com



Over 103,000 individuals waiting for organ transplants in the U.S. as of August 15, 2024, including nearly 90,000 waiting for a kidney transplant.

In Michigan, over 2500 people are waiting for transplants, 2,145 for a kidney transplant, and nearly 1/3 are African American.

So far this year there have been over 470 transplants performed in the state of Michigan, including 51 living donor transplants. (Nationally >20,000 transplants including 2,900 living donor transplants)

	All Organs	Kidney	Liver	Pancreas	Kidney / Pancreas	Heart	Lung	Heart / Lung	Intestine
All Ethnicities	2,573	2,145	195	24	27	117	61	1	3
White, Non-Hispanic	1,466	1,156	153	16	15	77	46	0	3
Black, Non-Hispanic	815	743	11	7	10	35	8	1	0
Hispanic/Latino	124	108	8	1	0	4	3	0	0
Unknown	25	9	14	0	0	0	2	0	0
Asian, Non-Hispanic	95	87	5	0	1	0	2	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic	14	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multiracial, Non-Hispanic	29	24	3	0	1	1	0	0	0

Data subject to change based on future data submission or correction. This report shows OPTN data for Organ by Ethnicity through August 15, 2024. OPTN Data is updated on a monthly basis.

2023: A RECORD YEAR



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Let's keep going and make 2024 even better!



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