United in Prayer

Could You Help a Family in Our Church Community?

An invitation to consider living kidney donation

A member of our St. Clement's community requires a kidney transplant, and we are reaching out in the hope that someone might consider becoming a living kidney donor.

He is a husband, and the father of three children, and is living with advanced kidney disease. Despite his declining kidney function, he continues to work, care for his family, and participate actively in his community. His kidney function has declined to the point where dialysis will soon be necessary.

A kidney transplant offers him the best opportunity to regain his health and enjoy many more years with his family.

Would you consider learning more?

If you or someone you know might be interested in living kidney donation, we invite you to contact the family confidentially. There is no obligation or expectation, simply an opportunity to learn more and ask questions.

Contact the family: kidneyfamilyhelp@gmail.com

The family's search for a donor

The family has been searching for a living kidney donor for some time.

His wife has also been undergoing testing; however, she is not a direct match and has significant health challenges of her own, having already undergone multiple surgeries. The family is hopeful that another donor might come forward, allowing her to avoid another surgery and their children to avoid having both parents undergo surgery at the same time.

A living kidney donation would make a meaningful difference not just to one person, but to an entire family of five.

Several family members and friends have undergone testing or explored the possibility of donating, but a suitable donor has not yet been found.

We are sharing this appeal because finding a living donor often depends on reaching beyond immediate family and friends.

What does living kidney donation involve?

Most people are born with two kidneys, but many healthy people can live fully active lives with just one.

Potential donors undergo a thorough medical and psychological assessment to determine whether donation is appropriate for them.

Living kidney donors recover well and return to their normal activities over time. The transplant team provides detailed information about the procedure, recovery, and potential risks so that each person can make an informed decision.

A donor does not necessarily need to have the same blood type as the recipient. Canada's kidney paired donation program can sometimes make a transplant possible even when a donor and recipient are not directly compatible.

How can you help?

Consider learning more. You do not need to decide whether you would donate before making an inquiry. The first step is simply to understand what is involved.

Share this appeal. Someone in your family, circle of friends, or wider community may be interested in learning more.

Keep the family in your prayers. Your support and encouragement are deeply appreciated.

If you would like to **learn more about living kidney donation**, including eligibility, the assessment process, and what is involved, you can also contact the transplant clinic directly for general information:

St. Michael's Hospital – Living Kidney Donor Program
Phone: 416-867-3676
Email: LiveDonorTeam@smh.ca
Website: https://kidney.to/for-patients/living-donor-program/

Our hope in sharing this appeal is simply to make people aware of an opportunity to help a family in our community. We recognize that living kidney donation is an extraordinary and deeply personal decision, and we are grateful for your consideration, your prayers, and your willingness to share this message with others.