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Beyond *Dallas*: Purpose,
Health & Second Chances

Inside: Celebrity voices, medical insight, and real stories of second chances



A LETTER FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As summer approaches, it's the perfect time to refocus on your health. Longer days and warmer weather bring natural opportunities to get outside, move your body, and enjoy fresh, seasonal foods. Whether your goal is to eat better, stay more active, or simply feel your best, summer offers the ideal backdrop to build healthy habits that stick.

The MNITF Magazine offers tips on healthy living, kidney disease prevention, and information about transplantation and organ donation. This Summer issue is filled with inspiring stories and expert insights. We sit down with celebrity **Charlene Tilton** to discuss the power of health and helping others. A **Dallas** star, Charlene shares a meaningful connection to organ donation through her co-star **Larry Hagman**, who received a liver transplant and served as a MNITF spokesperson before his passing.

We also hear from transplant nephrologist **Dr. Qazi**, a longtime MNITF partner, who speaks candidly about kidney transplantation, patient barriers, and the importance of living donation. Film producer **Pascal Borno** shares his personal journey and his passion for early detection, and we are proud to spotlight **Boatlift 9/11**, a powerful short film co-produced with **Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions**, honoring the maritime heroes of 9/11. Sadly, the devastating impact of debris exposure has left so many first responders battling kidney disease, cancer, and other serious illnesses. All this and much more await you in this issue.

Please share this magazine with your family and friends and join us on social media:

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Together, we can build kidney disease awareness, advance transplantation, and empower patients. Have a wonderful and healthy summer!

Warm regards,
Nicole Mendez



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BOATLIFT 9/11

SHORT FILM | RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

As the world approaches the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, a powerful new film is preparing to honor one of the most extraordinary yet lesser-known rescue efforts in American history.

Boatlift 9/11 wrapped filming this past March, marking a major milestone for a project that brings to life the largest water evacuation in history—an effort that saw over 500,000 people safely transported from Lower Manhattan in the wake of unimaginable tragedy. Inspired by true events and the book *Saved at the Seawall* by Jessica DuLong, the film blends historical truth with storytelling that captures the urgency, humanity, and resilience of that day.

In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, when traditional evacuation routes were cut off, an impromptu flotilla of ferries, tugboats, fishing vessels, and private boats converged on Manhattan. Without formal coordination, civilian mariners carried out a rescue mission that ultimately saved nearly half a million people. It was an extraordinary moment of unity—strangers helping strangers—yet one often overlooked in the broader narrative of 9/11.

Starring **Sofia Helin, Preslea Elliott, and Hank Northrop**, *Boatlift 9/11* is directed by **Dale Fabrigar** and is executive produced by **Suzanne DeLaurentiis, Andrew Carlberg, and MNITF's Nicole Mendez**.



Together, the team brings a commitment to authenticity and emotional truth, using character-driven storytelling to honor the real-life heroism at the heart of the event.

Hollywood will get an early look at the film this June, with exclusive screenings planned ahead of its official September premiere, expected to spark renewed conversation around this remarkable rescue.



While the evacuation itself is a story of survival, for many, the impact of that day did not end once they reached safety.

First responders, cleanup crews, and survivors were exposed to toxic dust and environmental hazards—exposures that have since been linked to a range of chronic illnesses, including kidney disease.

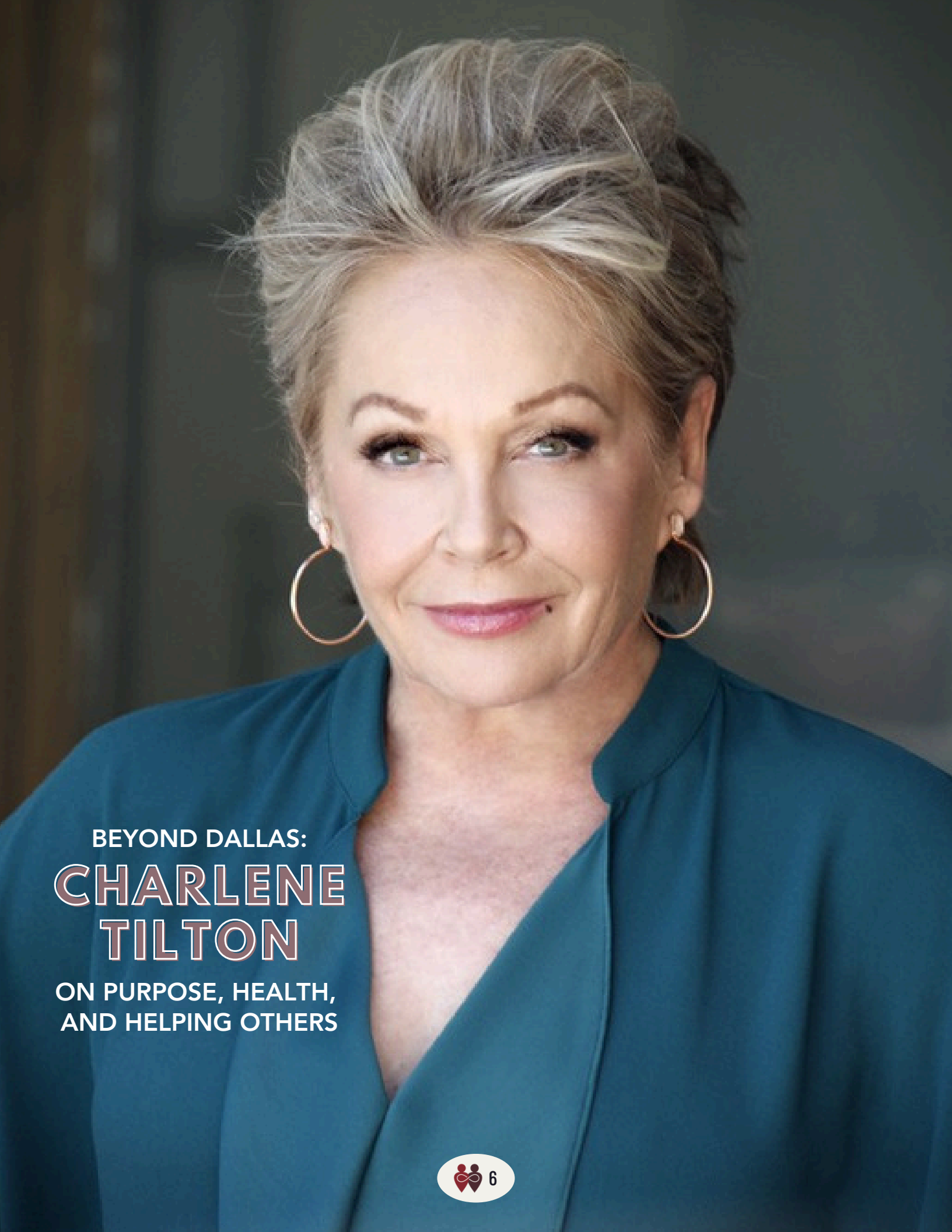
Partnering with Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions, MNITF is proud to co-produce this impactful film honoring the heroes of 9/11 while bringing awareness of kidney disease and cancer.

More than two decades later, those long-term health effects continue to shape the legacy of the September 11 attacks, adding another layer to a story still unfolding.

Boatlift 9/11 ultimately stands as both a tribute and a reminder—honoring the lives saved in a moment of crisis while capturing the enduring resilience of those who lived through it.



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BEYOND DALLAS:

CHARLENE TILTON

ON PURPOSE, HEALTH,
AND HELPING OTHERS



Charlene Tilton became a television icon as the spirited Lucy Ewing on the hit series *Dallas*, a role that made her a household name and connected her with audiences around the world. With a career spanning more than four decades in film, television, and theater, Tilton has continued to evolve as an actress while using her platform to support causes close to her heart.

From advocating for foster children to mentoring actors with disabilities, she brings the same compassion and authenticity to her philanthropic work that fans have admired on screen. In this conversation with MNITF Magazine, Tilton reflects on her journey in Hollywood, the importance of giving back, and the power of hope, health, and second chances.

You became a household name through your role on *Dallas*. Looking back, how did that chapter of your life shape the woman you are today — both personally and professionally?

I was very fortunate as an eighteen-year-old actress starting out on *Dallas*. Not only was the cast made up of some of the greatest actors ever on television, but I learned so much from their stellar work ethic. They taught me to show up early, be prepared, and treat everyone with respect. That became the foundation that shaped me as an actress.

Personally, the cast also became the family I had always wanted.

Your career has spanned decades in television and film. What has longevity in Hollywood taught you about resilience, reinvention, and staying grounded?

I'm now sixty-seven years old and able to play wonderful character roles. I actually enjoy aging as an actress. I'm not trying to still be a young ingénue — and that freedom is refreshing. Longevity in this business has taught me to embrace each stage of life and continue growing.



Steve Kanaly and Charlene Tilton in *Dallas*, 1978

Many people know you for your on-screen work, but you've also been deeply involved in charitable efforts. What inspired your commitment to giving back, and how has philanthropy shaped your life?

I was in foster care from the ages of 5 to 8, so I know firsthand the needs of both children and caregivers. Because of that experience, giving back has always been very important to me.

I'm involved with a wonderful organization in New York called You've Gotta Believe, which helps place children in loving homes. I've met many of the families, and it's such a joy to see these children flourish. I also work closely with Love From Music City, an organization that provides many services for foster children in Middle Tennessee.

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At MNITF, we focus on health awareness, early screenings, and organ donation. What does taking care of your health mean to you at this stage of life, and what advice would you share with others about being proactive?

I have a friend who donated a kidney and another friend who is the recipient of a kidney transplant. And of course, my Dallas co-star Larry Hagman became a strong supporter of organ donation after he underwent a liver transplant.

Personally, I feel blessed to wake up every day. I begin each morning with prayer and journaling. I want to be around to watch my grandsons grow up, so I try to eat healthy, exercise, and live mindfully.

Chronic illness and medical challenges can affect entire families. Have you had personal experiences — either directly or through loved ones — that have deepened your empathy for those navigating serious health journeys?

My mother was on a ventilator for 19 months before she passed away.

Chronic illness can be incredibly difficult — emotionally and financially — for families.

You've connected with generations of fans. How do you use your platform today to support causes that matter to you?

I've been blessed to coach actors with disabilities through Meet the Biz, an organization that raises awareness of these talented performers and helps create more opportunities for them to work in film and television.


I also taught acting classes to children with autism for nine years with Actors for Autism. Those experiences have been incredibly meaningful to me.

If you could leave readers of MNITF Magazine with one message about hope, community, and second chances — especially for those awaiting transplants or supporting someone who is — what would it be?

I pray for anyone awaiting a transplant and for their families. Organ donation truly is the gift of a second chance at life.

A Life-Changing Phone Call:

MOVIE PRODUCER PASCAL BORNO TALKS KIDNEY CANCER, CREATIVITY, AND THE POWER OF EARLY DETECTION



In November 2019, veteran film producer and international sales agent Pascal Borno received a phone call that would forever change the way he viewed his life, health, and career.

What began as a routine MRI—ordered simply because he had met his insurance deductible—revealed something entirely unexpected: a tumor on his right kidney. Pascal felt healthy. He had no symptoms. No warning signs. Yet in a matter of moments, everything shifted.

“I was just going about my life, minding my own business,” Pascal recalls. “And then one phone call made me realize that it could all be over in an instant. That shakes you to your core.”

An Unexpected Diagnosis

The MRI, initially intended to double-check intestinal health, captured Pascal’s entire chest cavity. That broader scan detected a tumor on his kidney—something no one had been looking for. Within days, he was referred to a urologist at Cedars-Sinai, who confirmed what Pascal feared most: there was a 95–99% chance the tumor was kidney cancer.

Like many patients, Pascal’s first thought was devastating. “You immediately think, this is it. Life is over,” he says.



Pascal Borno. Photo by Jon Kopaloff/Getty Images

“Even if you know logically that it may not be a death sentence, that fear hits instantly.”

Surgery was scheduled for December 22, 2019. The tumor was removed, along with approximately 10% of his right kidney. The diagnosis was confirmed malignant—but caught early enough that the cancer had not spread.

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“I was unbelievably lucky,” Pascal says. “The tissue around the tumor was still healthy. If we hadn’t found it when we did, the outcome could have been very different.”

The Importance of Early Detection

Pascal credits his survival to one simple fact: the cancer was discovered early—by chance.

“I avoided a major bullet, and the only reason is because we caught it early,” he explains. “That’s why preventative testing is so important. Even if you feel great. Especially if you feel great.”

He emphasizes that kidney cancer often shows no symptoms until it has progressed significantly. In many cases, fatigue or pain only appears once the tumor has grown or metastasized.

“I have a friend who lost an entire kidney because his tumor had grown to the size of the kidney itself,” Pascal shares. “That didn’t happen overnight. It took years. And it could have been avoided with earlier screening.”

Today, Pascal urges people—particularly those over 50—to prioritize regular checkups and imaging when possible.

“By the time you have symptoms, it’s often much more serious,” he says. “A simple scan can save your life.”

Recovery, Resilience, and a New Perspective

Although Pascal anticipated a relatively quick recovery, complications from scar tissue related to a prior surgery made

the operation more extensive than expected. His recovery stretched from weeks into months.

How Health Changed His Creative Outlook

With over four decades in the entertainment industry, Pascal says his health journey has profoundly shaped the kind of projects he now wants to pursue.

“I don’t want to make mindless entertainment anymore,” he explains. “I want to be part of films that make people feel something—laugh, cry, reflect. Life is too precious not to create work with meaning.”

Facing mortality gave him clarity—not just about health, but about purpose.

“When you realize life can change in seconds, every moment matters,” he says. “Every breath matters.”

Why Speaking Out Matters

Pascal believes creatives and public figures have a responsibility to speak openly about kidney disease and early detection.

“People listen when stories are personal,” he says. “If sharing what I went through gets even one person to schedule a checkup, then it’s worth it.”

Today, Pascal wakes up each morning with gratitude.

“I think about it all the time—how close I came, and how lucky I was,” he says. “That awareness never leaves you. And honestly, I wouldn’t want it to.”



KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS: MYTHS, BARRIERS, AND BREAKTHROUGHS

Transplant Nephrologist Dr. Yasir Qazi on Kidney Transplants, Patient Barriers, and the Life-Changing Power of Donation

In the world of transplant medicine, few connections are as meaningful as those built through mentorship, collaboration, and a shared mission to save lives. For **Dr. Yasir Qazi**, that connection is deeply tied to the legacy behind the **Mendez National Institute of Transplantation Foundation**.

After moving from New York to Los Angeles, he worked closely with the renowned **Mendez brothers**—pioneers in the field whose influence continues to shape modern transplantation. That legacy lives on not only through Dr. Qazi's work, but through the colleagues he continues to collaborate with today, including transplant surgeons **Dr. Robert Naraghi** and **Dr. Hamid Shidban**. Together, their work reflects a shared commitment to advancing patient care, education, and access to life-saving transplants.

For readers who may be unfamiliar, can you explain what a transplant nephrologist does and the role you play in a patient's journey—from evaluation to post-transplant care?

A transplant nephrologist is responsible for the medical aspects of kidney transplantation for both the donor and the recipient. Patients are typically referred—often from dialysis units—to determine whether they are good candidates for a transplant.



Dr. Yasir Qazi is the Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine Division of Nephrology, Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

From there, we evaluate their overall health, manage the medical factors that impact transplant success, and help ensure that the kidney being transplanted—whether from a living or deceased donor—will provide the best possible outcome. Our role continues after the transplant as well, monitoring kidney function and managing the patient's long-term care.

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- Dr. Yasir Qazi

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What are some of the most common misconceptions about kidney transplantation that you encounter, and what do you wish more people understood?

One of the biggest misconceptions is that kidney transplant outcomes aren't very good. In reality, for patients who are good candidates, transplantation offers far better outcomes than any form of dialysis. Among all renal replacement therapies, a kidney transplant is the only option that can significantly improve longevity—and in some cases, even normalize life expectancy, which is otherwise reduced on dialysis.

In addition to better survival, transplant patients often experience a much higher quality of life. They're no longer tied to a dialysis schedule and have more freedom to travel and live their lives with fewer disruptions. The idea that transplants are difficult to access or that patients don't do well afterward is one of the biggest misconceptions we continue to face.

From your perspective, what are the biggest barriers patients face when it comes to receiving a kidney transplant, and how can awareness organizations like MNITF help bridge those gaps?

One major barrier is that patients on dialysis often lose touch with routine primary care. Because dialysis requires frequent visits, other important health screenings—such as cancer screenings or cardiovascular evaluations—can be overlooked. When patients are referred for transplant evaluation, transplant centers must then identify and address these issues, which can delay the listing process. This phenomenon is sometimes referred to as the “transplant center effect,” where previously undiagnosed conditions are discovered during evaluation.

Another barrier is a lack of awareness about how transplant centers differ. Many patients assume that once they are listed, they simply wait for a kidney, without understanding that outcomes and transplant rates vary by center.



Patients should be informed about metrics like transplant rates and outcomes, which are publicly available through resources such as the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR).

Organizations like MNITF can help by promoting awareness not only about transplantation, but also about the importance of maintaining overall health and staying up to date on routine screenings.

Educating patients on how to evaluate transplant centers and advocate for themselves can also make a meaningful difference.

You've been a valuable resource for educational initiatives. Why is patient education so critical in transplant medicine, and what approaches have you found most effective?

Patient education is critical because kidney disease affects nearly every organ system in the body. The kidneys play a central role in removing toxins, so when they fail, it impacts overall health in complex ways. As a result, transplant evaluation and care require a multidisciplinary approach involving cardiologists, gastroenterologists, endocrinologists, oncologists, and other specialists.

Because of this complexity, patients need to understand not just their kidney disease, but how it connects to their broader health.

Effective education helps patients navigate this system, complete necessary evaluations, and prepare for transplant. Clear communication and collaboration across specialties are essential to achieving the best outcomes.

Living donation can be life-saving, yet many people hesitate. What would you say to someone considering becoming a living donor?

Years ago, there was less long-term data available on the safety of living donation, which made these conversations more challenging. However, over time, extensive research in the U.S. and globally has shown that living donation is generally safe and effective.

While there are still some unknowns, the overall body of evidence is reassuring. Living donation offers one of the best possible outcomes for recipients. Interestingly, donors themselves often adopt healthier lifestyles after donation—they become more engaged in their health, which can have positive long-term benefits.

For those considering it, it's important to understand that living donation is not only a life-saving act for the recipient, but also a carefully evaluated and supported process designed to prioritize the donor's safety.

**Find out more about organ donation at
MNITF.ORG**

The Future of Transplant Medicine:

Inside the Race to Develop Artificial Kidney Implants



For the millions of people worldwide living with chronic kidney disease, the wait for a transplant can feel endless. In the United States alone, over 100,000 people are waiting for a kidney transplant; meanwhile, most rely on dialysis to survive. But a new frontier in medicine is offering hope: an artificial kidney implant designed to replicate the function of a human kidney—without the need for a donor.

What Is an Artificial Kidney Implant?

An artificial kidney implant is a bioengineered device intended to perform the essential functions of a natural kidney—filtering waste, balancing fluids, and regulating electrolytes—inside the human body. Unlike traditional dialysis, which requires hours of treatment multiple times a week, these implants are designed to work continuously, much like a real organ.

Most cutting-edge designs combine advanced filtration technology with living kidney cells. This hybrid approach, often referred to as a “bioartificial kidney,” aims to not only remove toxins from the blood but also replicate the metabolic and endocrine functions that dialysis cannot fully replace.

Leading Research and Breakthroughs

One of the most promising efforts is the Kidney Project, a collaboration between researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Vanderbilt University. Their implantable device uses a silicon-based nanofilter to mimic the kidney’s filtration system, paired with a bioreactor containing living cells to perform additional functions.

In recent years, prototypes have shown encouraging results in laboratory and early clinical testing. Researchers have demonstrated that these devices can filter blood effectively without triggering major immune responses—a critical step toward making implants viable for human use.

Another avenue of innovation includes wearable artificial kidneys, which, while not fully implantable, represent a significant step forward in freeing patients from traditional dialysis machines. These portable devices allow for continuous filtration, improving quality of life and potentially leading to better long-term health outcomes.

Why This Matters for Patients

For individuals with kidney failure, current treatment options come with significant limitations. Dialysis, while life-saving, is time-consuming and physically taxing. Transplants offer a better quality of life, but donor shortages and the need for lifelong immunosuppressive drugs remain major challenges.

Artificial kidney implants could change that equation entirely. By providing a long-term, self-contained solution, these devices may reduce or even eliminate the need for donor organs. In some designs, the use of biocompatible materials and protective membranes could also minimize or remove the need for anti-rejection medications.

Challenges Still Ahead

Despite promising progress, several hurdles remain before artificial kidneys become widely available. Long-term durability, safety, and regulatory approval are key concerns.

Researchers must ensure that these devices can function reliably inside the body for years without complications.

There are also engineering challenges, such as preventing clotting, maintaining stable blood flow, and ensuring the viability of living cells within the device. Clinical trials will be essential to determine how these implants perform in real-world patients over extended periods.

A Glimpse Into the Future

The development of artificial kidney implants represents a profound shift in how we think about organ failure and transplantation. Rather than relying solely on donor organs, medicine is moving toward creating sustainable, engineered solutions that could save countless lives.

For organizations like MNITF, which are dedicated to raising awareness about kidney disease and expanding access to life-saving treatments, these advancements highlight both progress and possibility. While donor transplants remain critical today, innovations like artificial kidneys may one day transform the landscape entirely—offering patients not just hope, but a new standard of care.



Wearable dialysis technology allows patients greater freedom and flexibility.

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- American Society of Nephrology – Updates on kidney research and innovation
- Peer-reviewed research on wearable and implantable artificial kidneys (various journals including Journal of the American Society of Nephrology)

COOKING CORNER



Berry Crumble

(Kidney-Conscious & Dairy-Free)



A warm, comforting classic—reimagined with kidney health in mind.

This Berry Crumble brings together naturally sweet strawberries and blueberries with a light, golden topping for a dessert that feels indulgent without the extra strain on your body.

With reduced potassium ingredients, no added sugar, and simple plant-based swaps, it's a thoughtful way to enjoy something cozy and satisfying while staying mindful of kidney health.

- ✓ Dairy-Free
- ✓ Plant-Based
- ✓ Lower Potassium Ingredients
- ✓ No Added Sugar
- ✓ Kidney-Conscious

Warm. Cozy. Naturally sweet.
Because comfort food can still care for you.



Sandy Lo is a food blogger, writer, creative entrepreneur, and the founder of The Merry Bake Shop, where she creates nostalgic, plant-based desserts inspired by comfort and celebration. Her work focuses on approachable recipes that balance indulgence with mindful ingredient choices. Through MNITF Magazine's cooking column, Sandy is proud to share kidney-conscious recipes designed to bring joy to the table while supporting overall wellness and the foundation's mission of education and hope.

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Kidney-Friendly Berry Crumble Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

Filling:

- 1½ cups **strawberries**, chopped
- ½ cup **blueberries**
- 1 tbsp **lemon juice**
- 1-2 tbsp **monk fruit sweetener** (to taste)
- 2 tsp **cornstarch**
- ½ tsp **vanilla extract**

Crumble Topping:

- ¼ cup **old-fashioned oats**
- ½ cup **all-purpose flour**
- 2 tbsp **monk fruit sweetener**
- 3 tbsp **vegan butter**, softened
- ½ tsp **cinnamon**
- Optional: pinch of salt (or omit entirely)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to **350°F**.
2. **Make the filling:**
 - a. Gently toss strawberries and blueberries with lemon juice, sweetener, cornstarch, and vanilla.
 - b. Pour into a small baking dish.
3. **Make the crumble:**
 - a. Mix oats, flour, monk fruit, and cinnamon.
 - b. Cut in vegan butter until crumbly.
4. **Assemble:** Sprinkle topping evenly over fruit.
5. **Bake:** 30-35 minutes, until bubbling and lightly golden.
6. **Cool** for 10-15 minutes before serving (helps thicken + improves blood sugar response).



SHOW OFF YOUR COOKING SKILLS!



All you have to do is try out this recipe, post a photo of your Berry Crumble, and tag **@MNITF_ORG** on Instagram and we'll pick the best ones to **receive a special gift**.

Why This Recipe Works for Kidney Health

Lower Potassium Balance

This recipe uses a higher ratio of strawberries to blueberries, helping reduce overall potassium per serving. While berries are generally kidney-friendly, portion size and selection matter—making this a smarter choice for those monitoring potassium intake.

Reduced Phosphorus Ingredients

By limiting oats and avoiding processed additives, this crumble keeps phosphorus levels lower. Excess phosphorus can be difficult for compromised kidneys to filter, so minimizing high-phosphorus ingredients supports better balance.

No Added Sugar, Low Glycemic Impact

Sweetened with monk fruit instead of refined sugar, this dessert helps maintain stable blood sugar levels. This is especially important since conditions like diabetes are a leading cause of kidney disease.

Lower Sodium for Kidney Support

With no added salt, this recipe aligns with kidney-friendly guidelines that emphasize reducing sodium intake to help manage blood pressure and decrease strain on the kidneys.

Heart-Healthy, Plant-Based Fats

Using vegan butter in moderation provides a dairy-free alternative, which may be beneficial for those limiting saturated fats and avoiding excess phosphorus found in some dairy products.

Antioxidant-Rich Ingredients

Strawberries and blueberries are packed with antioxidants like vitamin C and anthocyanins, which help combat inflammation and oxidative stress—both of which are linked to kidney disease progression.

Portion-Control Friendly Dessert

Designed as a smaller-batch recipe, this crumble encourages mindful portions—an important factor in managing nutrient intake for kidney health.

DISCLAIMER: If you have kidney disease, diabetes, hypertension, or other medical condition(s), consult your doctor about foods to avoid and adjust recipes as needed.

ON THE TOWN FOR THE OSCARS

The cast and crew of *A Heart Full of Hope* hit the Red Carpet to celebrate the Oscars at the Luxury Gala & Awards



Under the glittering lights of Oscar weekend, where storytelling and impact collide, MNITF's executive director Nicole Mendez, producer Suzanne DeLaurentiis, and the cast and crew of their film *A Heart Full of Hope* stepped onto the scene at the prestigious Luxury Gala & Awards by Samira's Network to celebrate the Oscars and the film industry.



Nicole Mendez



Christopher Dukes



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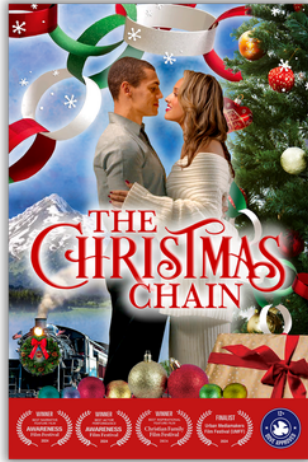
Suzanne DeLaurentiis & Nicole Mendez



Matthew Payne

NOW ON DVD!

MNITF and Suzanne DeLaurentiis Productions are excited to announce that *The Christmas Chain* is now available on DVD. Grab your copy on Amazon!



THE CHRISTMAS CHAIN

The Christmas Chain follows twin brothers Dez and Jerome on their journey home for Christmas after Jerome suffers a life-threatening kidney injury. Along their journey, they meet Sabrina, a compassionate musician who selflessly offers to donate her kidney to Jerome.

Through this remarkable act, the film highlights the beauty of giving and the impact one person's kindness can have on many lives.

The film stars Stephen Green, Tyler Andrews, Carissa Murray, Michael Paré, Chelsea Gilson, and features a special cameo by Eric Roberts.

Streaming on Tubi, Amazon Prime, AppleTV, Fandango, and YouTube.



FILM FESTIVAL WINNER



Congratulations to our production team for winning Special Mention Honor for the "HOLIDAY" Music Video (Theme Song from *A Heart Full of Hope*) at the French Riviera Film Festival in Cannes.



COMING SOON TO DVD!

Stay tuned for a release date on the DVD for *A Heart Full of Hope*, which will be coming soon! Both films are also available on streaming platforms.

WAYS TO GIVE

You can be an important part of continuing the mission of MNITF and helping to save and improve the lives of so many. Financial giving to MNITF creates unique opportunities for us to devote necessary resources to further advancing research and education. Below is a list of ways that you, your family, and friends can help keep the flame of hope alive for potential transplant recipients.



DIRECTED GIVING

With a planned giving strategy, you can earmark your contribution for any area of MNITF's work that you choose, including the Research Grant Program and Education projects.



GIFT OF CASH

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MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM GIFTS

This is a gift made in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. A notification of your gift, with the amount undisclosed, is sent to the recipient indicated.



LIFE INCOME GIFTS

The most common type of life income gifts are charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts.



LIFE INSURANCE

Donating a no longer needed policy entitles you to an immediate tax deduction for the policy's current cash value. This applies to whole life and not term life insurance policies.



BEQUESTS

You can provide a donor's estate with a charitable deduction to offset federal taxes.

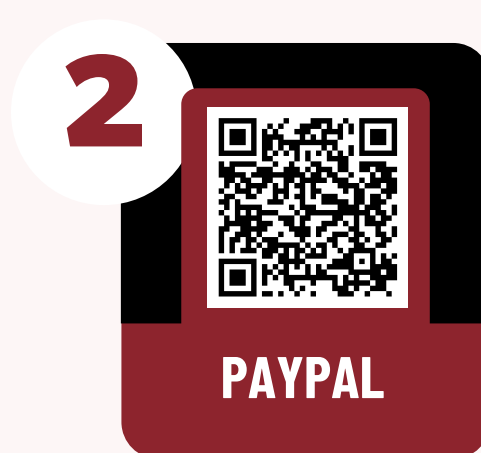
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Nicole Mendez, Executive Director, at **(424) 358-4450** or via email at **Nicole@MNITF.org**.

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