

Will YOU

consider being a kidney donor for Emily Wingo?

Emily's Story

Emily is a junior at Northwest Christian School who learned in late January that she has a genetic kidney disease. Emily is getting dialysis but a transplant is needed to give her the ability to live a longer, healthier, more normal life.



(Dialysis Day)

The average wait time is five years or more for a kidney from a deceased donor. However, there is another option: receiving a kidney from a living donor. Asking others to consider donating a kidney is difficult for us, but it will greatly improve Emily's chances of getting a life-sustaining transplant.

Emily has served regularly in the Children's Ministry at our church, and loves making an impact on children's lives. She is sensing the Lord's leading to possibly pursue a degree in children's ministry after she graduates from high school.



Being A Living Donor

You might not know a lot about living donation - we didn't either before this affected Emily's life. Here's some basic information about kidney donation:

- You only need one kidney to live a healthy, long life.
- Most donor surgery is done laparoscopically (through tiny incisions) making recuperation quicker.
- The cost of your evaluation and surgery will be covered by our insurance. The hospital can give you extensive information on this.
- If travel to Phoenix is needed, the Wingo family will pay your travel expenses.
- You will have a separate team of healthcare professionals to evaluate you as a living donor. Their job is to help you understand the benefits and risks and look out for YOUR best interests.
- Mayo Clinic AZ will do all the testing and surgery for the potential donor. Emily's surgery will be done at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

I WANT TO BE A LIVING DONOR FOR EMILY!

If you sense God prompting you to be tested to become a living donor for Emily, you must first meet these two basic criteria:

***Healthy individual between the ages of 18 and 55 (no diabetes or high blood pressure)**

***Blood type needs to be A or O (makes no difference if positive or negative)**

Testing for living donors will likely begin in May/June of this year. Mayo Clinic AZ will only test one person at a time. Emily's kidney doctor believes transplant can happen sometime this summer with a living donor.

If you are willing to be a living donor for Emily or have questions email Mark & Kelley Wingo at ogniw3@icloud.com or ogniw2@cox.net with your contact information. We will then connect with you about your placement on Emily's living donor list and provide more info.



FOR MORE INFO:

Please visit the National Kidney Foundation at: www.kidney.org/livingdonation or mayoclinic.org (search living kidney donor)

You can also contact the NKF's confidential helpline at 855.653.2273 or nkfcare@kidney.org.