

Mission Statement:

Raising awareness of the critical need for organ transplant donors through public education and advocating for donors and their families.

The Living Bank *Celebrate Life 2012*



Dr. Jacqueline Lappin performing surgery

On the evening of October 19th, The Living Bank honored Dr. Jacqueline Lappin, Surgical Director, Pancreas Transplantation Program, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital Cooley Transplant Center and Associate Professor of Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery.

Dr. Lappin is in the forefront of pancreas transplantation, putting particular emphasis on using living donor kidneys and deceased donor pancreas simultaneously. For patients with normal renal function, Dr. Lappin often performs pancreas-only transplants.

Pancreas transplantation alone or in combination with kidney transplantation can help a patient attain a better quality of life and delay the consequences of poor glucose control.

According to the American Diabetes Association, nearly 25.8 million Americans have diabetes. Individuals with type 1 diabetes (insulin-dependent) and kidney disease experience the greatest benefit of all groups from kidney and pancreas transplantation.



1. Celebrate Life Chairs Gina & Dr. Devinder Bhatia, honoree Dr. Jacqueline Lappin, Lavonne Cox & Denis DeBakey

2. Jordan Merecka, heart transplant recipient, with Linda Thibodeaux; Jordan's transplant was performed by The Living Bank's Advisory Board member Dr. David Morales

3. Philanthropist Carolyn Farb and Sydney Jim

4. Sally Flores & Rigo Flores, Rigo is a liver transplant recipient; The Living Bank's Board member David Gregory & wife, Kelley



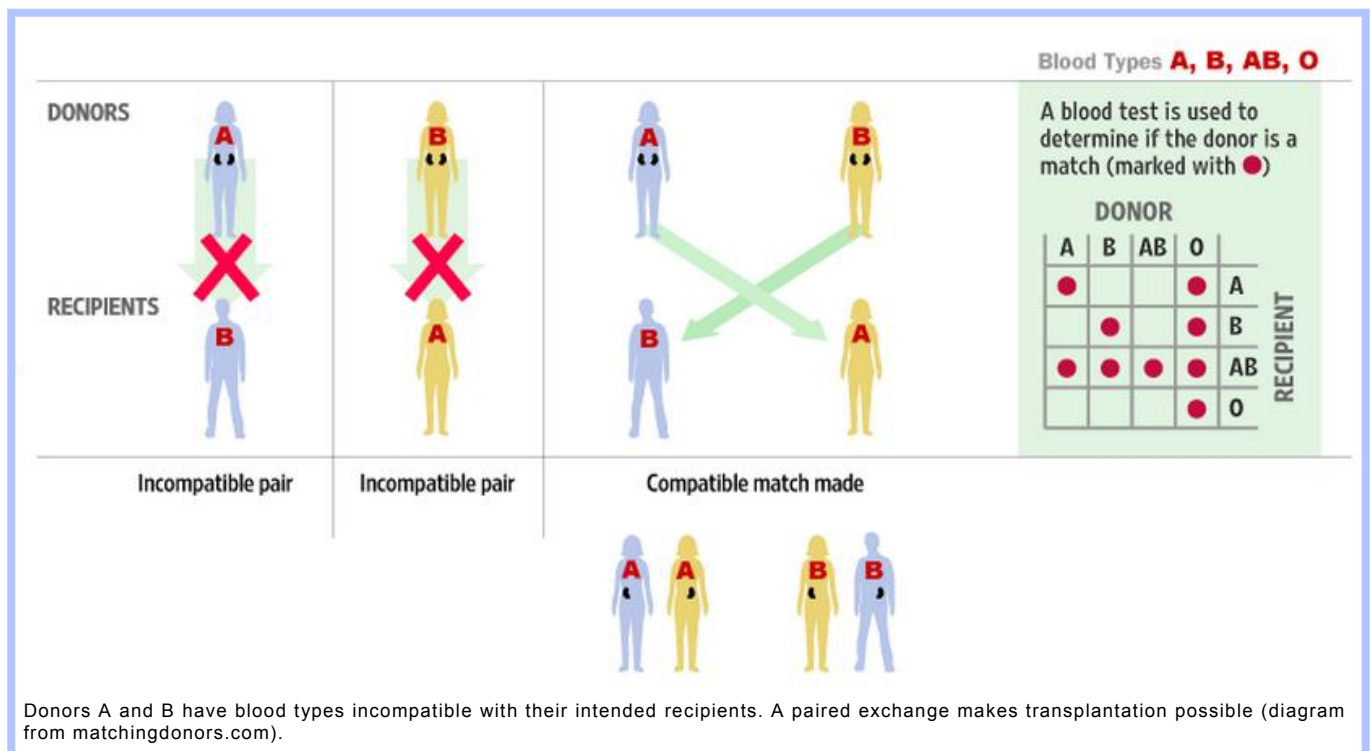
5. Houston musical group Moodafaruka: Katja Grim, Rom Ryan, and Mary Ann Willis

6. The Houston Bar Association's touring ensemble "Night Court," Debra Baker of Connelly Baker Wotring LLP pictured with microphone

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Paired Exchange – Live Donor Chains

- 30% of patients in need of a kidney transplant discover that their friends and relatives are incompatible as donors.
- Live donor chains create opportunities for potentially endless donor-recipient pairings.
- A chain can start when an altruistic donor donates a kidney to a stranger on dialysis. The recipient's original incompatible willing donor then passes on the generosity to another patient on dialysis to continue the exchange, essentially "paying it forward," and the process can be repeated to extend the chain.
- Over 94,000 people in the U. S. are currently on the kidney transplant waiting list.
- Paired exchange increases the pool of available kidneys and means more transplants can be performed annually, relieving patients from dialysis earlier.
- Dialysis is three times a week, four hours a day, and a painful and draining experience.
- It costs approximately \$70,000 a year to maintain a patient on dialysis.
- It costs approximately \$20,000 a year for care and medication for a patient who has undergone transplantation.
- Increasing the number of kidney transplants per year reduces health care expenditures.



A Gift of Life through Paired Kidney

In 2008 FedEx Express courier, Kendrick Walker, knew something wasn't right. But at only 20 years-old the last thing he expected to hear from his doctor were the words "kidney failure."

Two grueling years of dialysis left Kendrick weak and in need of a transplant. When his family members were unable to donate Kendrick began to lose hope. That's when John Gray, a manager at his station in Houston, made a surprising offer: the gift of life.

John had known Kendrick's parents for several years. At one time Kendrick's mother helped to take care of one of John's children. John, knowing that Kendrick was a phenomenal kid, recommended him for the job at FedEx.

There was no question in John's mind that he was going to donate his kidney to Kendrick. After doing a great deal of research, John was confident that donating his kidney "wouldn't be a life-changing event, but just a three-to-four week inconvenience."

When John went through the match process, it was determined that he was not a match. However, John and Kendrick were approved for a paired kidney exchange. John agreed to give his kidney to someone else in another state so Kendrick could receive a kidney from that patient's willing donor.

At their Houston FedEx station, they call John a hero. John states, "I am no hero. I just did what anyone else would do. Being able to give someone like Kendrick a second chance at life is a feeling I have never had before."



John and Kendrick preparing for transplantation



Two Families United Forever

From left: Michael Sayeh, father-in-law of Kendrick; Tenika Walker (in purple), wife of Kendrick; Barbara Gray, mother of John Gray; John Gray and wife, Shannon Gray; Sydney Gray (in stripes) and Sophie Gray (in white), daughters of John and Shannon; Virginia Walker, mother of Kendrick; Kendrick Walker

Programs of The Living Bank

The Living Bank Board and staff envision a day when no one will die because an organ donor was not available at a time of need.

Since 1968 The Living Bank has educated the Houston community and the nation on the critical need for organ transplant donors.

Over the past year our staff and volunteers have provided education on deceased and living organ donation including paired exchange to:

- 3,248 people through outreach presentations in the Greater Houston area
- 26,500 people across the nation through print media
- 6,000 people across the nation through access to our website livingbank.org
- 2,600 people across the nation through telephone communication
- 31 states had people gain information on deceased and living donation through print, telephone and website communication.

In 2008 The Living Bank initiated the *living donor advocacy program* due to the shortage of deceased organs. Our living donor advocate counsels potential living donors through the consent and evaluation process, surgical procedure and follow-up.

Lives can be saved through living kidney donation

If you are interested in learning more about living donation, please visit our website at livingbank.org or call us at 713-961-9431.

Outreach: Our Volunteers in the Community



Kinkaid High School student, Madeline, represents The Living Bank at various health fairs, community centers and religious entities.

National Donor Waiting List

as of November 1, 2012

Kidney	94,261
Liver	16,098
Pancreas	1,218
Kidney/ Pancreas	2,146
Heart	3,357
Lung	1,630
Heart/ Lung	54
Intestine	255
All Organs	116,269

Independent Living Donor Advocates Network

The Living Bank's Independent Living Donor Advocate Network (ILDAN) is an online networking community of social workers, psychologists, physicians, nurses and clergy who work as independent living donor advocates.

ILDAN offers 24/7 virtual resources that provide professional development, solutions, collaboration and peer support through:

- Live Webinars
- Videos of instruction
- Forums

ILDAN has been generously funded by:

- Ray C. Fish Foundation
- The George & Mary Josephine Hamman Foundation
- Vanberg Family Foundation

Continuing Education Credits

Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center will award one hour of continuing education credit to nurses who complete the live webinar only.

Social workers can earn one contact hour of continuing education credit from the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners by completing either the live or recorded webinar. Certificates of continuing education credits will be emailed to participants.

The resources provided are in compliance with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as it relates to services provided for living donors and the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) and the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) guidelines.

If you would like to participate,
please register with us at
livingbank.org/ilda-network



Give the Priceless Gift of Life This Holiday Season

For the 116,269 people on the national organ waiting list, a gift of life would be the best gift of all. Your support of organ donation education and the work of The Living Bank could mean they will celebrate with renewed good health.

Skip the crowds and hectic shopping. We offer a meaningful present for someone on your list who has everything. Honor them with a donation to The Living Bank. Simply complete the form below and we will send a card to your honoree acknowledging your thoughtful gift and a card to you acknowledging your donation.

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History of The Living Bank

October 1968 The Living Bank was established as a nonprofit organization. That year Dr. Denton Cooley and his team of surgeons performed the first heart transplant in the United States in Houston. Five Houston women, realizing no formal way to donate organs existed, saw a need for a donor registry that would allow medical professionals to match organs with waiting recipients.

Today The Living Bank focuses on public education and living donor advocacy. The newly launched Independent Living Donor Advocacy Network (ILDAN) connects social workers, psychologists, physicians, nurses and clergy who work as independent living donor advocates. ILDAN offers virtual resources that provide professional development, solutions, collaboration and peer support through live webinars, videos of instruction and forums.

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