

HOPE CHEST NEWS



ABOUT OUR LOGO

Our logo was created for us through the generosity of Sylvia Benson, a professional artist who has personally experienced the transformation and impact the “Gift of Life” has on recipients and their families.

The pale blue figure on the left represents the lung transplant waiter, the light blue color symbolizing the lack of oxygen. The figure on the right represents the transplant recipient who is now receiving the oxygen necessary to support the body. They are both supporting the donor in the middle who is holding the donor ribbon represents their gift. All of these figures are joined by the figure in the background who is representative of all the families, friends, medical staff and volunteers who support us in this transformation.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To support and educate M Health lung transplant patients and their families through the process of lung transplantation and to promote public awareness of the needs of these patients.

OUR VISION

The financial needs of our transplant friends and their immediate families far exceeds our ability to pay 100% of the costs. It is our hope that sometime in the future we will be able to do more for those who most need our help.

The greatest gift is the gift of life, please consider organ donation.

WHO WE ARE

Our organization consists primarily of persons who have had or are waiting for a lung transplant at the University of Minnesota Transplant Center or is a family member of a person who has had or needs a lung transplant. Our underlying diseases are many, but we have all been diagnosed with end-stage lung disease requiring a lifesaving transplant. The majority of our Board of Directors come from this unique group.

HOW WE STARTED

We are a not-for-profit organization that was formally organized in 2003. Prior to that, the primary intent was to educate our members and keep them connected via our newsletter. In 2003 it became apparent that the needs of our group went beyond the dissemination of information. We were formed "So we may walk side by side with others needing lung transplants so they never have to walk this journey alone."

WHAT WE DO

Newsletter

We publish a periodic newsletter with articles of interest to patients, caregivers and families.

Web Page

We have a Web page with links to many sites of interest to our patients.

www.hopechestnews.org

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We provide small emergency grants to patients referred by a social worker.

Patient needs often include:

- Medication
- Housing
- Child-Care
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Relocation costs
- Transportation

Costs associated with transplantation can threaten even those of significant means.

MENTORING PROGRAM

A mentoring program has been adopted. In it, a new patient is paired with someone who has the same or similar disease and has already been transplanted. The mentor is available to the patient to answer questions and provide emotional support.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact one of our board members. You will find their information by visiting hopechestnews.org or on the front page of all HCN Newsletters.

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Or online at:
www.GiveMN.org

We are all advocates for organ donation.

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