



**National Kidney Foundation
of Illinois, Inc.**

Dear Member of Team Illinois,

On behalf of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois (NKFI), welcome to Team Illinois 2010! You are soon to be part of the world's largest gathering of transplant recipients, living donors and donor families. There is nothing quite like the U.S. Transplant Games and the people who attend come for a variety of reasons, but all are filled with a tremendous enthusiasm for life and inspired by the touching stories of perseverance and hope.

The games in 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin will be the seventh in my tenure at the NKFI and all of us here share in the desire to spread the word that transplantation works, that there is an increasing need for more organ donors and that we need to work together to find new ways to increase the availability of all organs for transplantation .

Through the US Transplant Games, the NKF is able to highlight the difference that transplantation has made in people's lives which we hope will in turn encourage others to consider organ donation. We thank you and want you to know how much we appreciate all of you for taking the time to participate in the 2010 Games. We know that together, the message becomes stronger and more real because it is about real people who have directly benefited from transplantation and the families who love them.

We look forward to seeing you at team events leading up to the Games and will be there to cheer you and your teammates on in Wisconsin. Stay active and healthy!

Be Well,

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