

About NTAF – “Your Financial Link to Transplantation”

National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF) has a 25-year record of success helping families address financial hardships arising from uninsured medical expenses related to organ/tissue transplantation and spinal cord injury.

Established in 1983 by medical professionals, NTAF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, headquartered in Radnor, Pennsylvania, which provides fundraising guidance and expertise to families and communities. NTAF works to:

- Help **raise funds** for medical expenses of patients and living donors by providing fundraising guidance including network identification, custom appeal letters and event planning;
- Offer **direct financial assistance** in the form of \$1,000 grants to eligible patients;
- Provide **expertise, information and education** about all areas of transplantation and spinal cord injury;
- **Raise awareness** about the critical need for organ donation.

Highlights and significant activities

Since its inception to the end of FY 2008 (9/30/08), NTAF has:

- Provided information, assistance and referrals to 16,498 patients.
- Assisted 3,659 patients in grassroots fundraising campaigns.
- Helped patients raise over \$57 million for their uninsured medical expenses.
- Provided direct financial assistance to 3,197 patients.

NTAF:

- Administers an average of 1,200 active campaigns at a time.

In FY 2008, **NTAF**:

- Responded to 1,751 requests for assistance with personalized patient information;
- Established 460 new community campaigns in honor of individual patients to help them meet the overwhelming uninsured costs of transplantation and recovery from catastrophic injury (an increase of 17% from FY07);
- Helped patients raise over \$7.2 million for their uninsured medical expenses (an increase of 10% from FY07);
- Awarded \$102,000 in challenge grants to 102 patients (\$1,000 each) in recognition of fundraising success;
- Awarded 119 Emergency Medical Grants to 92 patients for whom fundraising is impractical to address short-term life-threatening medical needs (total:\$69,045, more than double the amount awarded in FY 2007);
- Disbursed more than \$5.5 million for patients’ medical expenses.

The Need

NTAF was created in 1983 by Dr. Jack and Patricia Kolff after Dr. Kolff established the heart transplant program at Temple University Hospital and found that many patients were denied transplants because of lack of insurance coverage or other sources of funding. They had a vision that all people should be able to receive a life-saving organ transplant without regard to financial situation. NTAF has grown to help patients with all organ and tissue transplants as well as spinal cord injuries.

The facts are:

- Every day 17 individuals die because the organs they are waiting for are not available;
- Over 97,000 people are on the organ transplant waiting list;
- Average first year costs for a transplant are more than \$400,000;
- Yearly expenses for someone with a severe spinal cord injury can top \$500,000.