

# Kidney *Chronicles*

END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE NETWORK OF NEW ENGLAND

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HELPFUL TIPS TO  
EMPOWER ESRD  
PATIENTS AS  
CONSUMERS

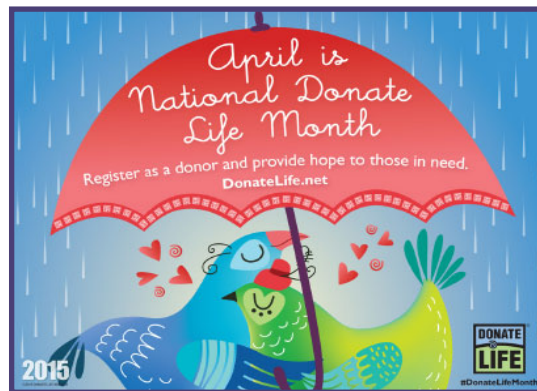


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## April is National Donate Life Month

**Donate Life America** is a not-for-profit organization, composed of state-based and national groups dedicated to educating the public on the importance of organ donation. Since 2003, Donate Life America has recognized April as National Donate Life Month. Throughout April the organization hosts local, regional, and national events to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors. These events also celebrate those individuals who have saved lives through gifts of donation.

Roughly 79 organ transplants take place every day in the U.S. and each year more than 28,000 individuals are able to enjoy healthier lives thanks to organ donation. You can make a difference by registering as a donor; a single donor is estimated to have an impact on as many as 50 people.



Today, more than 120,000 men, women, and children are in need of transplants in the U.S. alone. Approximately every ten minutes, another name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list. Unfortunately, the number of people on the national organ transplant waiting list exceeds the number of donors available. To save or improve the lives of individuals who need transplants, register to become an organ or tissue donor and encourage others to do so as well. For more information, please visit: <http://donatelife.net/donate-life-info>.

### How the Network Serves You

- Advocates on your behalf;
- Answers your questions about treatment, modality choices or other issues;
- Develops and provides educational materials, i.e., newsletters, for you and your family;
- Works with renal professionals to improve the care provided to you;
- Helps keep you informed and updated to support your involvement in your care and treatment options; and
- Evaluates and resolves grievances.

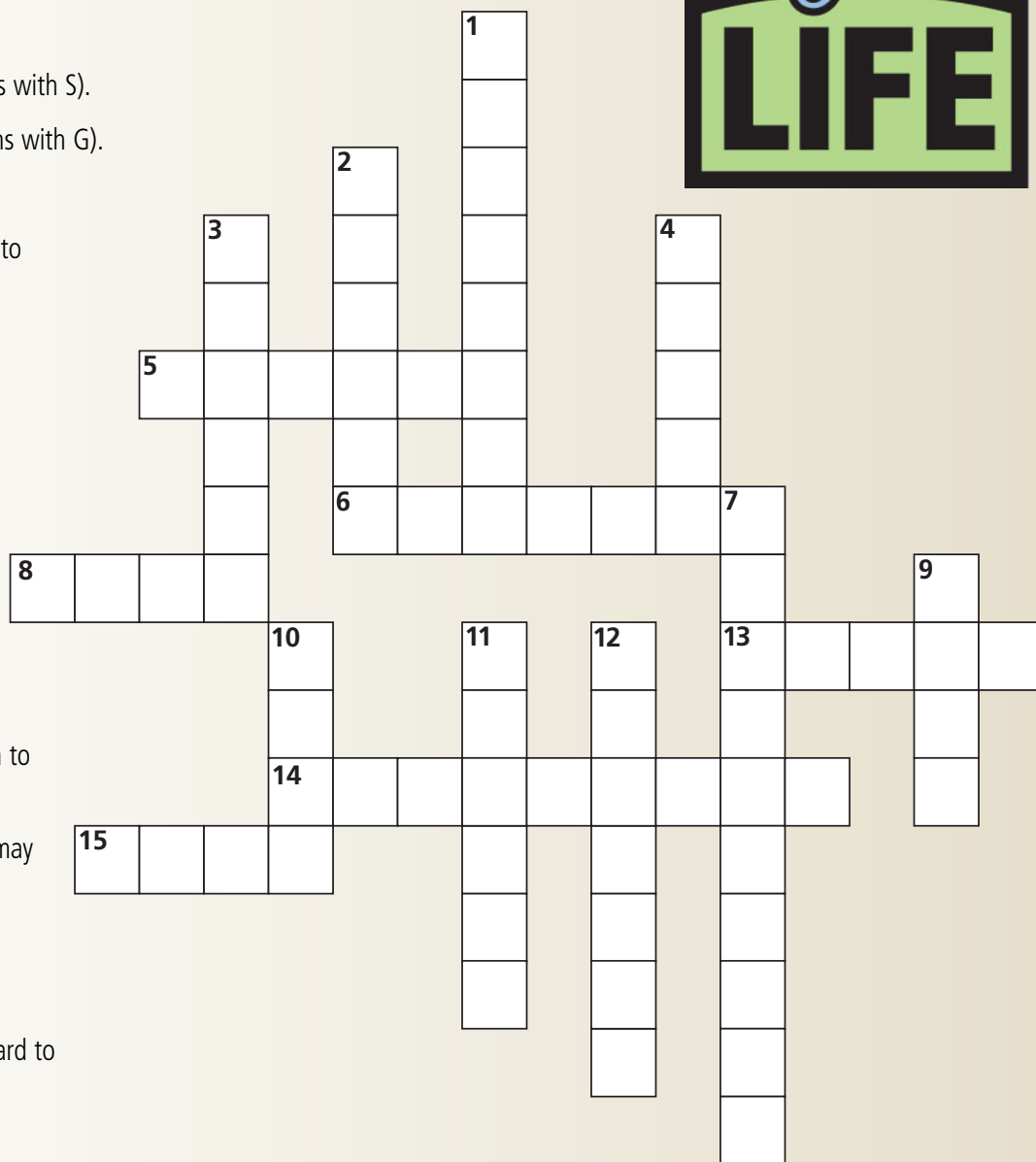


## ACROSS

- 5. April is \_\_\_\_\_ Life Month.
- 6. Another word for help (begins with S).
- 8. The opposite of receive (begins with G).
- 13. Donate Life Month is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 14. To raise money for a cause is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15. Another word for wish.

## DOWN

- 1. Another word for adjust (begins with C).
- 2. Kidneys, lungs, liver, heart are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (begins with P).
- 4. Someone who gives an organ to someone else is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. If you have renal failure you may need a kidney \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. Another word for present.
- 10. Save a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. The newsletter you look forward to reading every month is \_\_\_\_\_ *Chronicles*.
- 12. To be free of illness or injury is to be \_\_\_\_\_.



Check out our May issue of *Kidney Chronicles* for the answers to this puzzle.

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