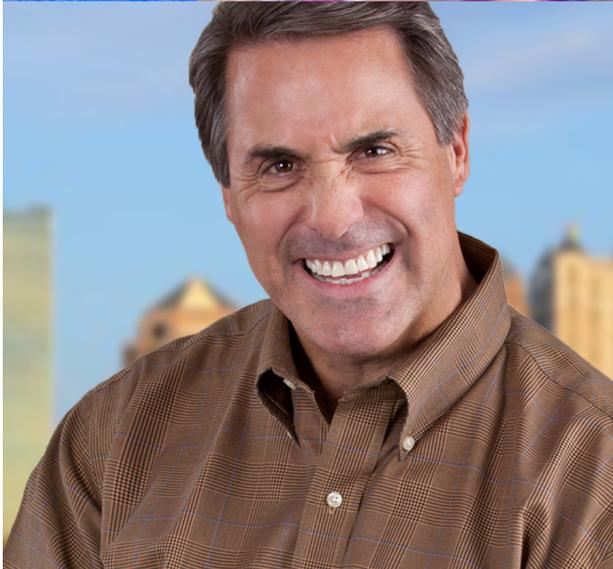


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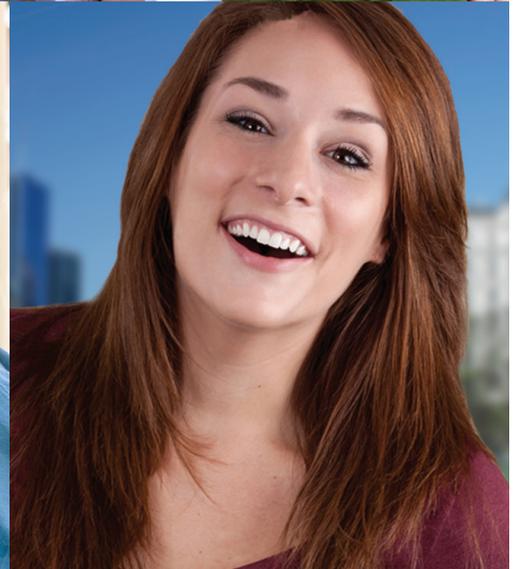


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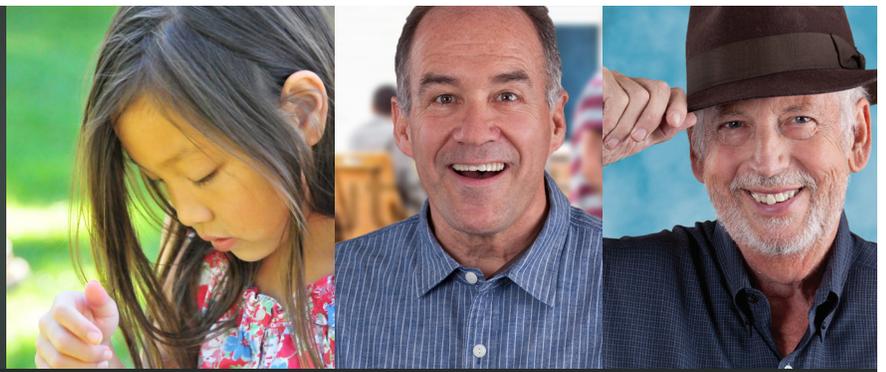
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## A LIFE-SAVING TRANSPLANT IS ONLY PART OF THE STORY

Getting the diagnosis of organ failure — heart, kidney, liver, lung, pancreas, or small intestine — is challenging enough. But having to manage the financial responsibilities and day-to-day complexities that come along with receiving an organ transplant can be overwhelming. The uncertainty and stress are unlike anything most of us will ever face in our lifetimes.

The founder of the Georgia Transplant Foundation (GTF) had this experience firsthand, and he saw that transplant patients and their families need help.

They need financial assistance, direction, and support. Most importantly, they need help to pay for their life-saving medications. They have other needs as well, which feel overwhelming — especially in a health crisis situation.

The other needs include short-term help paying the bills, financial planning advice, organ transplant information and education, support groups, advice on how to transition back into the workplace, one-on-one mentoring ... they need help, guidance, and reassurance from people who have been through this before.

GTF provides this help and more. We serve more than 2,000 families each year and the numbers keep growing. As more people receive organ transplants — an increase which coincides with medical advances — more people need our help. As the only organization providing critical, non-medical assistance in the state of Georgia, GTF relies on the financial support of benefactors who want to help transplant patients and their families focus on healing, health and positive outcomes.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of Georgia Transplant Foundation is to help meet the needs of organ transplant candidates, living donors, recipients, and their families by providing information and education regarding organ transplantation, granting financial assistance, and being an advocate for sustaining and enriching lives everyday.

# THE LARGEST ORGANIZATION OF ITS KIND

GTF is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1992 by kidney transplant recipient Tommy Smith. His belief: no patient should go without the medications he or she needs to maintain the life-saving transplant organ they just received.

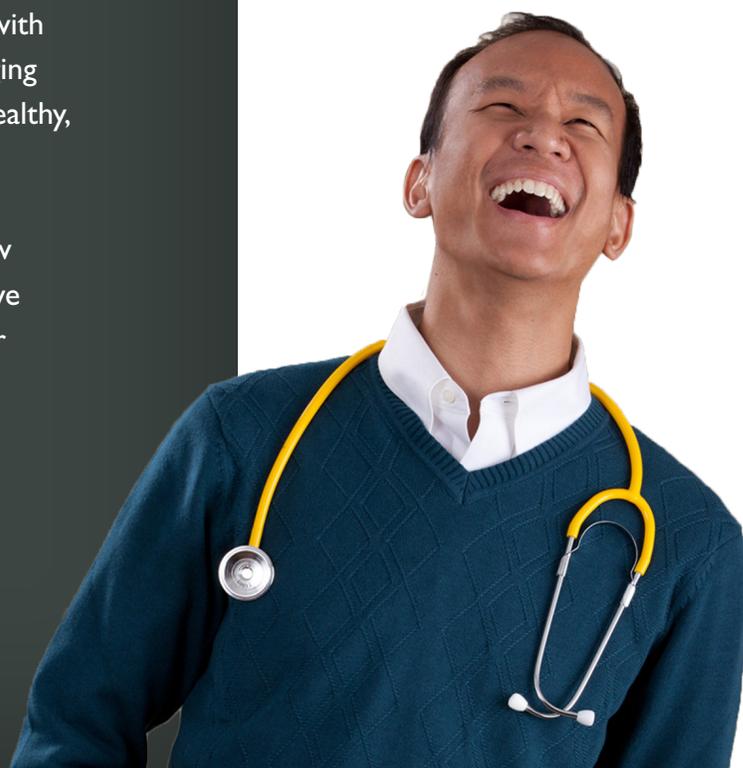
So Tommy gathered together a team of healthcare professionals with the goal of providing emergency financial assistance to fund the essential medications — and from there the organization grew. GTF's board now includes dedicated professionals from all four Georgia transplant centers, the statewide organ recovery agency, community business leaders, transplant recipients, and volunteers.

GTF distributes more than \$1.3 million in direct financial assistance to transplant candidates, recipients, living donors, and their families each year. The result is that more people in Georgia are living longer with transplanted organs, more are successfully managing the transplant process, and more are resuming healthy, productive lives.

The people you see in these photos are just a few of the thousands of transplant recipients who have been impacted by Tommy's original vision and our organization's programs, services, volunteers, and supporters.

*GTF works in partnership with Georgia's four transplant centers to ensure that all patients who need financial assistance or support are enrolled in GTF programs and services. Georgia's transplant centers include:*

- *Children's Healthcare of Atlanta*
- *Emory Healthcare*
- *Georgia Regents Health System*
- *Piedmont Healthcare*



# HOW MANY

People In Georgia Currently Need, Have Donated or Have Received An Organ Transplant?

**4,316 Georgians** are currently waiting for a life-saving transplant but that number continually increases — three people are added to the waiting list every day.

**35** are children



**3,969** are adults waiting for a kidney



**234** are adults waiting for a liver



**69** are adults waiting for a heart



**30** are adults waiting for a lung



**2,800 Georgians** are living donors

**13,577 Georgians** have received an organ transplant

**1,235** are children



**8,500** are adult kidney recipients



**2,900** are adult liver recipients



**530** are adult heart recipients



**412** are adult lung recipients



## 5 WAYS

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR GTF MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Our financial and educational programs, projects, and services help transplant patients and their families successfully manage the complexities of organ transplantation.

#### 1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Transitional, short-term support to patients and their families includes assistance for housing, insurance premiums, dental care, transportation, and other important living expenses.

#### 2. TRANSPLANT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Helps transplant candidates and recipients prepare for the ongoing costs of transplantation, especially prescription medication costs and medical insurance premiums, and includes a personal web page to be used for personal fundraising.

#### 3. JUMPSTART PROGRAM

Helps with the successful transitions to employment through direct services (including job placement), strategic partnerships, and educational resources.

#### 4. THE MENTOR PROJECT

The “face of hope” matches people who are new to or adjusting to the world of transplantation with recipients who have been living successfully with transplants.

#### 5. SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Statewide conferences, academic scholarships, marriage retreat weekends, tutoring — GTF works to bridge the gaps that can derail successful outcomes.

*“I was doing fine after receiving a kidney transplant — I was self-sufficient and making ends meet. But at age 39, I discovered that I needed follow-up surgery and had to take unpaid leave from my job. I’m grateful to GTF because they helped me through a crisis period by paying for my daily medications, health insurance premiums, and my monthly rent until I was able to return to work.”*

**~Leslie Baliles, kidney recipient**

The annual total cost for essential medications and follow-up care surpasses what most families earn in a year and often is not manageable even with health insurance:

Average cost  
of medications:  
**\$26,300/YEAR**

Average cost of lab  
work, biopsies, clinic  
visits, and other  
medical follow-up:  
**\$60,000/YEAR**

*“After receiving my heart transplant, I enrolled in the JumpStart Program and received financial support to take Certified Nursing Assistant Classes. Now, I have a career I would never have been able to achieve without the JumpStart Program and assistance from GTF.”*

**~ Sherry Clemons, heart recipient**

*“I am so grateful to GTF for awarding me with an academic scholarship during college. As a result of their financial help, I was able to complete my college graduation and go on to medical school to achieve my lifelong dream of becoming a physician. I am now completing my final year of residency. I hope that I can be the doctor who will make a difference in the lives of my own patients, just like my doctors did for me. I have been afforded another chance at life — a chance to make my future count.”*

**~ Kathryn Smith, recipient of a liver, stomach, pancreas, kidney, and small intestine**

*“Transplant is just a word until you are faced with it. My mentor made me realize I was not alone. Here was someone who had walked the path I was now on. A guide to what may lie ahead and a constant source of encouragement.”*

**~ Brian Rudd, kidney and pancreas recipient**

*“When I was 61 years old, I had a heart transplant that has allowed me to lead a normal productive life and enjoy my family, children, and grandchildren. Knowing the positive effect this had on my life and the number of people that need transplants, I wanted to get actively involved with GTF to insure that as many people as possible can have the positive experience that I have had.”*

**~ Bill Backus, heart recipient**



# 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## EXPENSES

Patient programs and services expenses:	\$2,774,575	83%
Management expenses:	\$196,022	6%
Fundraising expenses:	\$380,416	11%

## INCOME

Carlos and Marguerite Mason Trust:	\$1,985,000	40%
Fundraising events:	\$741,392	15%
Individuals, corporations, and foundations:	\$1,580,997	32%
Government grants:	\$37,629	<1%
Investments:	\$597,900	12%
Fees:	\$42,348	<1%

GTF takes great pride in providing excellent stewardship of our supporters' financial contributions. Out of every dollar raised, 83 cents goes directly to patient programs and services.

"GTF supports my transplant patients in ways beyond what hospitals are able to do. GTF services assist patients in obtaining essential medications and maintaining a successful transplant. For this reason, I continue to support GTF and the programs they provide".

~ **Andy Smith, M.D.**  
**Clinical Chief of Cardiology for  
 Emory University Hospital**

"Chris and I often hear stories from families who are recovering from transplant and are encountering serious financial challenges. GTF gives these families essential support and helps them concentrate on healing, not expenses, during their transplant journeys."

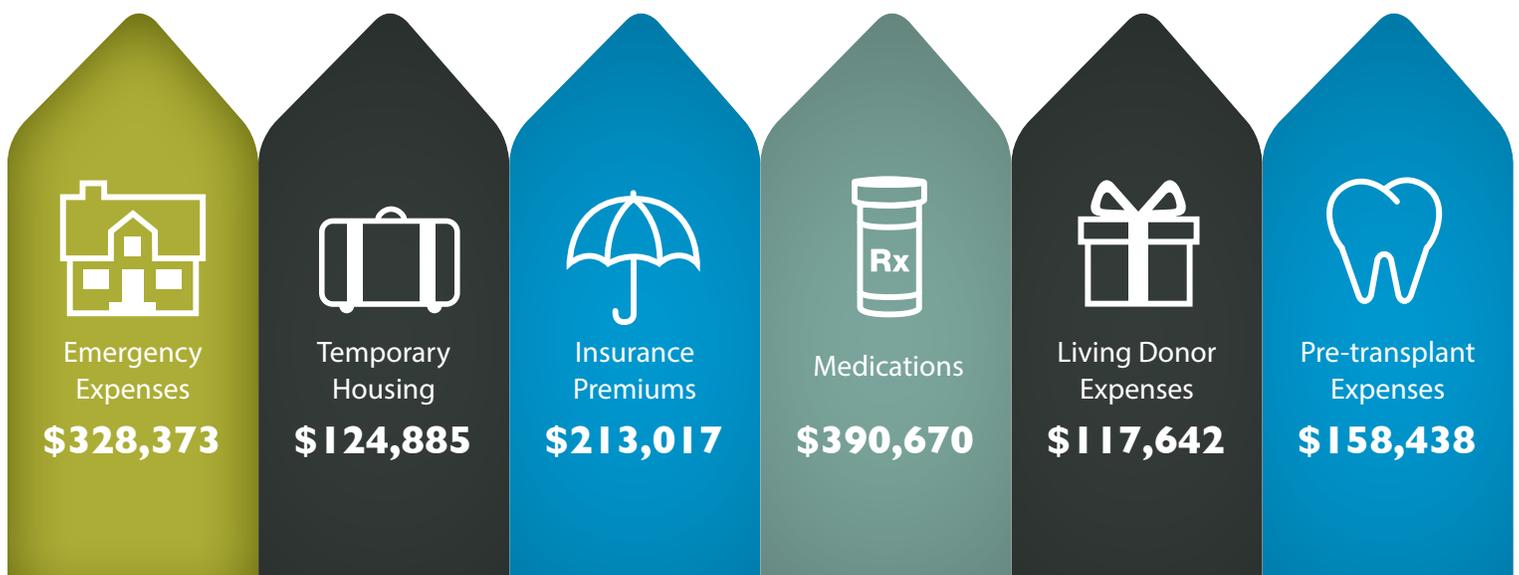
~ **Tom Glavine,**  
**Baseball Hall of Famer**

# HOW DOES YOUR DONATION DIRECTLY HELP THE TRANSPLANT COMMUNITY?

We are grateful for the financial support we receive that makes our programs possible.

## TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: \$1.3 MILLION

In 2013, GTF provided more than \$1.3 million in financial assistance grants to transplant candidates, recipients, living donors, and their families. These funds were used to pay for:



## DELIVERING ESSENTIAL NON-MEDICAL SUPPORT

When you give a gift to GTF, you are providing access to a life-saving organ transplant and essential medications to Georgia's transplant community. You are helping people who have received extremely challenging diagnosis cope with and manage their unexpected circumstances. Every day, doctors across Georgia refer transplant patients to GTF because we are the organization that helps with the other side of the story.