



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *KM Back to Life* Charity Golf Tournament

May 16, 2024, at Valley Country Club

251 New London Ave Warwick, RI



**Support a great cause!** *Net proceeds from the tournament will benefit the support of postoperative kidney transplant patients as well as raising awareness of the need for living kidney donors in the Rhode Island area.*

The tournament will be a scramble and include raffle prizes, closest to the pin, long drive and more.  
Rain or shine!

**Registration Fee \$175.** – Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, and dinner.

**Platinum Sponsor \$2500.** – Sponsor a tournament item for all players with your company logo. Includes a foursome for golf, carts, lunch, dinner and 2 tee signs.

**Gold Sponsor \$1250.** – Includes one foursome for golf, carts, lunch, dinner and 2 tee signs.

**Tee Signs \$125.** Advertise your business or display your message on a tee sign at one of the holes on the course.

**Non-Golfer Dinner \$50.** Feel free to have a guest join you for dinner! Please register.

**Non-Golfer Lunch \$15.** Please register.



Registration and Lunch 11:30am



Shotgun Start 12:45



Dinner, raffle prizes and silent auction



Driving Range Open



## ***Donations and Questions:***

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, or become a sponsor, please email

[kmbtlri@gmail.com](mailto:kmbtlri@gmail.com)

# The KM Back to Life Charity of RI Golf Tournament Registration Form

*If you are a single or double, we can pair you up!*

 **Single \$175.**

 **Foursome \$700.**

 **Gold Sponsor \$1250.**

 **Platinum Sponsor \$2500.**

List your name and/or group members below. Please include address and email. If you are part of a foursome, please list other members names so we can assign carts. Thanks!

*Please indicate your shirt size (Men or Women sizes XS – 4XL)*

Name and address:	Email:	Shirt Size
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## Tee Sign Sponsor (including Platinum or Gold Sponsor)

Sponsor name and business address	Email:
Sign text or contact BTL for artwork submission:	

### Please return the completed registration form

*By mail to:*

*Deb Nagle, BTLRI  
129 Laurel Ridge Lane  
North Kingstown, RI 02852*

*Via email to:*

[KMBTLRI@gmail.com](mailto:KMBTLRI@gmail.com)

### Make your payment

*By check to:*

*Deb Nagle, BTLRI  
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North Kingstown, RI 02852*

*Credit Card Payments can be made at:*

<https://kmbtlri.square.site/>

*or*

*Click on the QR code*





## The KM Back to Life Charity of Rhode Island

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*Dear fellow golfers, volunteers, item donors, and supporters -please join us this year at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KM Back to Life Charity of RI Golf Tournament & Fundraiser!*

Due to the success of last year's event, we were able to donate \$10,000 to the Patient Assistance Fund at the Kidney Transplant Center. The funds were able to help 14 patients with medications, housing, and utilities. Kidney transplant patients are immunocompromised and can have difficulty with basic expenses while waiting for a lifesaving transplant, or during recovery. Here are two examples where the fund really helped out:

A transplant patient called seeking assistance for himself and his family. The apartment they had been renting had a significant increase in rent, which they could not afford. The patient had been unable to find affordable housing and needed to resort to finding the least costly hotel room on a nightly basis. The patient and other family members have compromised immune systems making secure and sanitary housing a priority, and being at a homeless shelter would put their health in jeopardy. The family located an apartment they could afford but did not have the money for the security deposit and first month's rent. With the funds provided from the Patient Assistance Fund the family was able to obtain an apartment and maintain stable sanitary housing.

Another transplant clinic patient is a senior citizen, who called seeking assistance. His source of income is social security, and he was experiencing financial hardship. Over the course of 2023, he experienced difficult setbacks due to an increase in his rent, the rising cost of food and utilities, and an unexpected car repair. With the aid of the Patient Assistance Fund, he was able to stabilize his finances. He said he is feeling less anxious and is grateful for the help which assisted him in becoming more secure in being able to meet his basic needs.

Last year, there were 10 people in attendance that were either donors or recipients and this year we hope more will be able to join in the fun!

We look forward to seeing you!

Please contact us at [KMBTLRI@gmail.com](mailto:KMBTLRI@gmail.com) if you would like to help with raffle or silent auction donations or if you have any questions.



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### **Mission Statement**

The KM Back to Life Charity of RI raises funds for two important kidney transplant related causes. Primarily, the funds raised will be used to help postoperative patients that need financial assistance during their recovery. The Transplant Fund administered by the Transplant Center at RIH will be used for this purpose. The second goal for BTL is to raise awareness of the critical need, in the Rhode Island area, for living kidney donors.

### **About Back to Life**

Back to Life was founded in 2022 after two wonderful people donated kidneys on Rich Nagle's behalf. Mike Poirier was hoping to donate a kidney to his brother-in-law, Rich, who suffered from chronic kidney disease, (CKD). Unfortunately, Mike's blood type did not match Rich's so he could not be a direct donor. The Transplant Center explained that there was the option of donating his kidney to another patient, and in return, helping Rich to receive a kidney from an anonymous matching donor.

Kristen Allen was healthy and wanted to donate. She had been in contact with the RIH Living Donor Coordinator. They let her know that they accepted altruistic donors, and she could potentially be one, if she completed the evaluation steps and was approved by the program. She successfully completed the necessary steps and in her words: *"on June 27, 2022, I had the privilege and honor of becoming an altruistic kidney donor for the RI Hospital Organ Transplant department. It was a journey getting there, and I will always be grateful for the people and circumstances that allowed me to have that experience. I hope by sharing my story others may consider becoming living donors too."*

On June 27, 2022, four people were operated on at the Transplant Center at Rhode Island Hospital. Kristen and Mike underwent the donor surgery. Rich was the recipient of Kristen's kidney, and Ann Marie, who was on dialysis was the recipient of Mike's kidney. Kristen and Mike, who are the real-life heroes who helped save the lives of two fellow Rhode Islanders.

### **Helping Others**

In June 2023, BTL was able to donate \$10,000 to the Patient Fund at RIH Transplant Center. Since May 2023, the Patient Fund was able to help 14 patients with post-transplant medication, housing and utilities.

*2 weeks post-transplant surgery*

*Rich, Kristen, Ann Marie, Mike*



# The Transplant Center at RI Hospital

The Transplant Center at Rhode Island Hospital (RIH) has been *delivering health with care* since 1997. We have served our community in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts for over 26 years, and our focus remains exclusively on kidney donations and transplants. We are the only facility of its kind in Rhode Island, and our transplant rate and outcomes rank among the best in New England.

The Transplant Center at RIH was one of the first in the world to implement a program of altruistic or “Good Samaritan” living kidney donation, which increased organ access and availability, and remains on the forefront of groundbreaking research. We performed the first live donor kidney exchange in the United States. We have been on the forefront in the adoption of more effective immunosuppressive agents that improve transplant success, reduces the likelihood of rejection, and enhances quality of life. Once a kidney is transplanted, it has a finite life. Extending the function and survival of transplanted kidneys is a key area of research at Rhode Island Hospital from the time of surgery through long-term follow-up in our clinics.

In addition to our skilled and experienced team of transplant surgeons, the Transplant Center at RIH has organized a comprehensive group of supporting specialists to ensure that every aspect of each patient's care is expertly and seamlessly coordinated. These include: a transplant pathologist, dermatologist, cardiologists, infectious disease specialists, psychiatrists, nutritionists, pharmacists, social workers, and a financial coordinator to assist with third party coverage. All facets of care for a successful kidney transplant are provided through the Transplant Center.

To highlight the importance of the Transplant Center at RIH and the vital resource it is in this community, we highlight key metrics below.

- 1599 total transplants performed at the center (as of December 31, 2023)
- 287 number of patients on the waiting list (as of December 31, 2023)
- 5 to 6 is the average number of years a patient is on the waiting list
- 4 and 80 are the ages of the youngest and oldest patients to receive a transplant at RIH.

Beyond our medical and surgical care for patients with chronic kidney disease, we work to improve upon the standard of care in kidney transplantation. The *Transplant Fund* was established in 2001 to specifically support the transplant program at RIH and go towards all aspects of care including patient assistance while undergoing surgery or treatment. The *Transplant Fund* is instrumental in helping offset costs for patients and families and supporting the entire transplant program. The *Ultimate Gift Fund* was established in 2004 by Dr. Anthony Monaco and several generous donors, ensures support for transplant research.

In closing, thank you again for being part of our family at Rhode Island Hospital’s Transplant Center! We hope you will consider making a gift in support of our work and we assure you that it will make a meaningful difference in the life of every patient who comes through our doors.

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