**SAMPLE LETTER**

Dear XXXXXXX family

I hope this note finds you well. Susan and I will miss the annual XXXXXXX family reunion at the beach. You see Susan’s battle with kidney disease has taken a turn for the worse. She will be starting dialysis within the next few months unless we find a suitable living donor. Doctors say that this her best option for a better longer life. I couldn’t donate given my history of diabetes. We are just so distraught about what lies ahead. We need to find a suitable donor to help Susan because it can take years to get one off the list. Please share out story in hopes that someone may consider donating a kidney to Susan.

Anyone interested in being a living donor can call xxxxxxxxx for questions or complete a questionnaire at: www.NYKidneyDonor.org.

Kidney donors must Be At least 18 years old and less than 70 years old, Healthy and active and be able to take time off from work or school to complete the evaluation and Able to take off at least 2-3 weeks from work or school after surgery.

Living kidney donor cannot have any of the following conditions:

* Kidney disease
* Uncontrolled high blood pressure or take more than one antihypertensive medication
* Diabetes
* Heart disease
* Cancer
* Certain viruses such as Hepatitis C, HIV
* Obesity: BMI >35
* Substance abuse

*Keep us in your prayers and don’t forget the sunscreen!*

*Fondly*

*John*