

TRANSPLANT NEWS

Akron - Canton Transplant Recipient
January, 2015

2015 Schedule of Events

Monthly meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at Education Building "A" at the North Canton Medical Center.

OrganDonorSabbath on April 24, 2015

at the new Temple Israel location on Springside drive in Montrose. This will be the 7th annual service sponsored by Micki Wise and the Wise Family in memory of Bernard Wise.

Lifebanc August, 2015 Gift of Life Walk & Run August, 2015 at Blossom Music Center.

Please join the Race for Amanda, Kidney Kats and Hearts for Ray Stiles teams and support Lifebanc.

Celebration of Life Picnic, August, 2015

from noon to 4:00 at the John Torok Community Center, Green, Ohio.

November 2015 Akron Children's Hospital Holiday Tree Festival at John S Knight Center.

Please contact Rosie or Sue if you have a tree or items for the 2015 tree.

Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner on Monday December 14th

from 6:30 to 9:00 at NCMC. Donor recognition will

be followed by dedication of ornaments by organ recipients or their loved ones.

Holiday Celebration of Life Dinner



Our annual TRIO Celebration of Life Dinner has become a family tradition for many of us. The Craig family attendance has grown over the years and this year brought 8 family members. The Scolaro family also looks forward to this annual get together and little Morgan who is now 15 grew up attending meetings. She called the day before to make sure she was able to attend even if her mother was not feeling well. The Price family not only attend every year, but this year supplied the door prizes.



Our monthly meeting grew from our usual 15 to 20 members and a pot luck dinner to a feast with 3 long tables of food, 2 desert tables and a turnout of 50+ TRIO friends and family.

Nancy Hinkel opened the meeting with the following prayer

Dear Heavenly Father

*Thank you for the blessings of each other.
Our meeting with pot luck dinners provide sustenance for our bodies, hearts, souls and each other, truly a wonderful support group.*

Bless us with your presence as we savor our new found lives and mourn the loss of some dear friends

Amen



There were two Donor/Recipient Quilts on display from Lifebank thanks to Dianna Phillips. Many of the blocks on the quilts are from Akron Canton TRIO members.

Dianna described the opening of Transplant House of Cleveland's "Phase One" housing--7 apartment suites in University Circle and reminded us that the 2016 Transplant Games will be in Cleveland

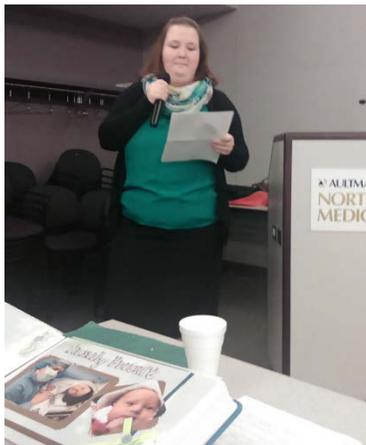


a family photo with David and his brothers Nicholas and 10 week old Josiah . David donated his kidneys, cornea and heart valve.



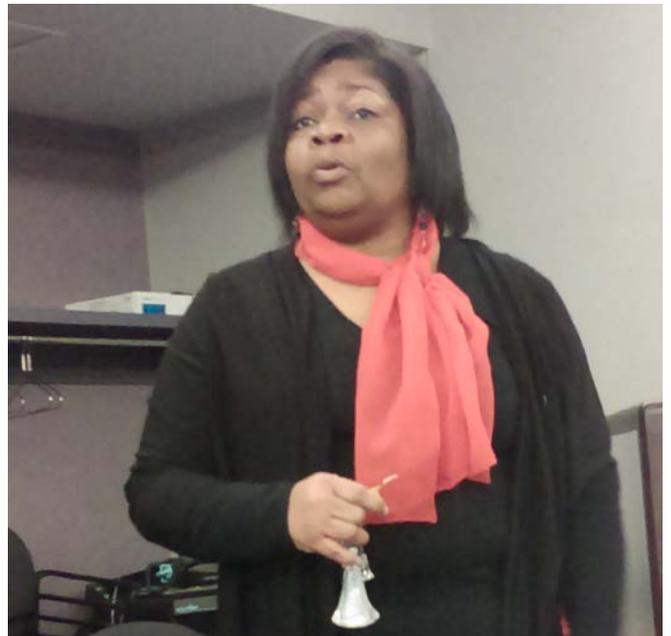
Our holiday program concluded with members adding ornaments to our holiday tree remembering their donors, their lives since they received their organ and finally our friends who had received the gift of life and had passed.

We heard the inspiring story of 2 1/2 year old David Gorham from his mother Kimber (supported by Mike his father).



David fell into a lake at a picnic and medics were unable to save him. His life became a tribute to the medical team's kind support of his family – providing a bed so that his family could hold him and finding a photographer in the middle of the night so that they could have









About TRIO (Transplant Recipients International Organization)

Website: www.trioweb.org

TRIO's MISSION

TRIO is a non-profit organization improving the quality of lives touched by the miracle of transplantation through support, advocacy, education and awareness.

Support

We provide support to transplant candidates, recipients and their families, donors and donor families to help alleviate the stresses and problems associated with the process.

Advocacy

We make the concerns and needs that affect the welfare of transplant candidates, recipients, and donor families known to federal government bodies. We also

effectively communicate the views of transplant candidates, recipients and their families, donors and donor families to the general public.

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Education

We provide current information (with respect to developments in organ and tissue donation, transplantation, medications, social issues, and finances) to transplant candidates, recipients and their families, donors and donor families about initiatives and protocols in the field of transplantation.

Awareness

We promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility. We develop and support mechanisms to improve the availability of organs and tissues on an equitable basis to meet the need of transplant candidates.