



# NFT FACES

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## What If You Could Save Someone's Life?

The Joslins come to the aid  
of NFT patient Jason Looney

## Seven-Year-Old Samantha Rayburn Is Living Life to the Fullest

Full story inside

## Plus:

Latest news and trends in transplantation  
Ways you can help

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# Letter From Jackie



Welcome to *Faces*, our new-look newsletter for the National Foundation for Transplants!

Some of you reading this may be familiar with NFT; others may have a friend or family member who is a transplant patient but isn't entirely sure what NFT is all about. So to kick off *Faces*, here's a brief recap on how NFT helps transplant patients across the country.

Many transplant candidates and recipients do not have adequate health insurance coverage or personal savings to pay for their transplant, pre-transplant treatment, follow-up care or medications. Since 1983, patients facing these problems have found help through the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT), which serves bone marrow and solid-organ transplant patients in all 50 states from its headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

NFT is a nonprofit organization that provides advocacy, support and financial assistance to transplant candidates and recipients when they face major transplant-related costs not covered by insurance.

**And thanks to generous donations from readers like you, NFT can continue to help patients afford the lifesaving transplants and aftercare they need.**

We hope you enjoy reading the success stories of our patients and other news in this issue of *Faces*. From everyone at NFT, we sincerely hope you enjoy our new look and wish you a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,



Jackie Hancock  
President, National Foundation for Transplants

**NFT maintains one of the lowest fundraising costs of any national charity by retaining only 5% of patient campaign funds to cover training, volunteer and administrative costs.**

## COVER STORY: Life at its fullest.

Samantha Rayburn is living proof of what your donations mean to a transplant patient. Samantha received a living kidney transplant with her mother as her donor in 2005.

Once tired and lethargic, Samantha now wakes up every morning with the energy of any other seven-year-old.

"She goes full speed ahead until we put her to bed at 8:30 at night," said Samantha's mother, Colleen. "She enjoys every moment she is awake; she is living every day the fullest she can."

Samantha's family continues to need assistance in paying for follow-up treatment and medications essential to Samantha's new life.

Your tax-deductible donations to NFT will help Samantha and other patients receive lifesaving treatment and medications.



Samantha enjoys all of life's little successes after her kidney transplant.



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for Transplants**

**In 2005-2006, NFT paid out  
nearly \$2.3 million in patient  
transplant care.**

**Saving a loved one: a personal view**

Ramsey and Sally Joslin came to know and love Jason Looney, an NFT patient with cystic fibrosis, when they visited their daughter Sarah in Oregon.



Jason Looney finds friendship and a new lease on life from NFT donors, the Joslin family.



Sally Joslin

“Jason is a very dear friend of our daughter,” said Sally. “He is such a wonderful young man, and we just fell in love with him.”

The Joslins invited Jason to visit them at their Cape Cod home and took him sailing for the very first time when he was in his mid-20s. While his health was still good at this point, he became increasingly ill when he returned to Oregon. The cystic fibrosis ravaging his body caused serious damage to his lungs.

Jason spent much of the summer of 2005 in the hospital. Sarah remembers that when Jason “wanted to relax or sleep, he would have the fan in his room turned towards his face and he would visualize the wind and the sails and the blue ocean.”

Jason finally got a transplant at the age of 34, and just six months after his double lung transplant, the Joslins took Jason sailing again. After experiencing firsthand Jason’s new lease on life, the Joslins chose to contribute to charitable organizations where they can see results.

That’s one of the reasons the Joslins enjoy giving to NFT so much. They personally know someone whose life has been saved through transplantation and know their investment is creating rich rewards.

“NFT is doing a wonderful, wonderful, miraculous thing,” said Sally. The Joslins share a genuine love of people and their contributions help transplant patients like Jason afford critical surgeries and follow-up medications necessary for survival.



Ramsey Joslin

On behalf of patients and NFT staff, we want to say thank you to the Joslins and all of our donors for their continued support.

**Every 12 minutes, a person is added  
to the waiting list for organs.**

**Joyce Self,**

a mother of five, is a kidney transplant patient from Durham, NC who enjoys reading and doing volunteer work. A donation to NFT will help her pay for life-saving medications and other costs relating to her treatment.



At present, NFT serves 634 people in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. See who we’re helping in your neighborhood. Visit [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org) and look under “Patients We Help” to find transplant patients in your state.

Learn how your donations can help save a life today by calling 800-489-3863 or visiting [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org).



# In the News...

## Transplant Lets College Student and Baby Share Donated Liver

A team of surgeons at Georgetown University Hospital have successfully transplanted one donated liver to two patients, saving the lives of an eight-month-old baby and a college student. Split-liver donation enables two lives to be saved with one organ. Just 123 split-liver transplants were performed in the U.S. last year, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing. **(more)**

## WHO Expresses Concern Over "Transplant Tourism" in Poor Countries

The World Health Organization said recently that the kidney is the most sought organ in the field of "transplant tourism" as the demand for human organ transplants far exceeds supply.



Philippines have sold their body parts to patients, the United Nations health agency held a global meeting of experts this spring to discuss how to curb the organ trade.

Expressing concern over the surge in cases where people in countries such as Pakistan, Egypt and the

Reports on 'transplant tourism' show that it makes up an estimated 10% of global transplantation practices. **(more)**

### How much does an organ/tissue transplant cost?

Not including follow-up care and medication

Bone Marrow.....	\$250,000 - \$500,000
Heart.....	\$300,000
Heart/Lung.....	\$300,000 - \$350,000
Isolated Small Bowel.....	\$350,000
Kidney.....	\$75,000 - \$100,000
Liver.....	\$250,000
Lung.....	\$200,000 - \$250,000
Pancreas.....	\$100,000

### How can I help?

Your tax-deductible donations are helping transplant candidates and recipients enjoy a second chance at life.

#### 1. Give by mail

Simply fill out the form at the bottom of the next page and mail it with a self addressed envelope to NFT.

#### 2. Give online

Visit NFT at [www.transplants.org](http://www.transplants.org) to donate conveniently online.

#### 3. Give by phone

Call 800-489-3863 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday.

#### 4. Matching gifts

Many companies sponsor matching-gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies match volunteer hours with a donation. Call your Human Resources department for details.

#### 5. Planned giving

You can make a provision in your will and leave a legacy for supporting transplantation. There are also several other giving arrangements that allow the donor to create an income for life, receive a charitable tax deduction and get the immediate satisfaction of helping to save lives. For more information, call 800-489-3863.



## Help save people like Yolanda.

There are many ways to support transplant patients through the National Foundation for Transplants.

Your gift to NFT enables us to provide financial assistance, advocacy and support to transplant patients in need. When you give an undesignated gift to NFT, your donation will help NFT patients wherever the need is greatest. If you prefer, you can direct your gift to NFT's appropriate state organ/tissue fund in honor of a specified patient.

Thank you for helping make the miracle of transplantation possible for a patient in need.

### Transplantexperience.com

Whether you are at the pre-transplant stage, recovering during your first year after transplant surgery, or living as a successful transplant recipient, at [www.Transplantexperience.com](http://www.Transplantexperience.com) you'll find an instant link to the information you need to be better prepared for each stage of your transplant experience.





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More than 96,000 people are awaiting lifesaving organ transplants in the U.S. Your gift can help them today.

### What Your Gift Means

- \$25** — Nutritional supplements for recovering bone marrow recipient
- \$50** — Copay for an essential medicine
- \$100** — A home health visit from a nurse
- \$150** — Two weeks stay at a transplant center's hospitality house during recovery
- \$500** — Health insurance premium for recovering transplant recipient
- \$1000** — Anti-rejection medications to keep a transplanted organ healthy



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#### Yes! I want to help NFT give hope to transplant patients...

- My check payable to NFT is enclosed.  \$500  \$100  \$25
- I prefer to make my gift through Visa, American Express or MasterCard.  \$250  \$50  \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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In Honor of  In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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