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## Notice Regarding the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)

Thank you for visiting Transplants.org.

**We would like to clarify that Transplants.org, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization with no current or past affiliation with the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT), which ceased operations in 2024.** Additionally, Transplants.org, Inc. has no shared persons from NFT's board of directors or leadership team.

In 2024, NFT announced all remaining NFT patient funds had been paid out, as stated in its closure documentation:

*"At this time all available funding for grants have been disbursed. If you did not receive an email informing you of a grant award, your request was either incomplete or ineligible for a grant. All funds have been utilized for providing grants to transplant patients and furthering the mission of NFT as it wound down its activities."*

**Transplants.org, Inc. does not, nor did not, have access to or control over any funds raised or held by NFT, nor can we offer updates regarding any past NFT grant processes.**

We appreciate your understanding.



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**Attached: NFT Closure FAQ (2024)**



# FAQ

To Contact: [info@transplants.org](mailto:info@transplants.org)

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**There will be no ongoing updates on the grant process. We appreciate your understanding.**

## **Fund Allocation/Ownership**

No individual donor or patient has a property interest in donations made to NFT. As has been disclosed throughout National Foundation for Transplants materials and fundraising appeals, all contributions made to NFT in support of our patient services are made as unrestricted donations to NFT and not to any specific individual. NFT relies on donations to cover its operations and administration costs and to effectively support transplant patients. As relayed in other communications from NFT, financial strains have significantly impacted the organization. With the significant amount of grants we have given out over the years combined with higher costs of administration and lower fundraising totals, our ability to provide support to the transplant community has been negatively impacted to the point that we can no longer provide financial support.

## **Can I receive lumpsum dollars donated to the organization through my NFT campaign?**

No. All contributions made to National Foundation for Transplants were made to it as a nonprofit entity. Neither you nor any donor has personal ownership or financial accounts with NFT. All contributions were received for NFT's discretionary use to support its mission. In this way, we have been able to help as many transplant patients and their families as we could ever hope to be able. Tax laws and IRS Regulations prevent the earmarking of any donation or gift to NFT to or for the benefit of any specific individual. Gifts previously made in your honor have been utilized for serving transplant patients and community.

## **Can I still submit a transplant-related reimbursement?**

No. As of April 30th, 2024 all grant requests were required to be submitted. If your grant was approved in whole or in part, an email was sent informing you of the award.

The process prior to April 30th, 2024 was as follows; NFT remains committed to offering support throughout this transition period until April 30th, 2024. We urge you to submit a grant request by April 30th, 2024. To be considered for a grant, all documentation must be submitted to [memberassist@transplants.org](mailto:memberassist@transplants.org) by April 30th, 2024. Find documentation below for submission. If your grant is approved in whole or in part, you can expect to receive it in May 2024. This deadline is crucial for us to efficiently do our best in allocating resources and provide



the necessary support. Please note that any grants with missing or incomplete information/documentation, and/or ineligible requests, will not be processed. Grant processing timelines and updates will not be provided during this period.

### **When/if I choose a new nonprofit will my money be transferred there?**

No. Contributions made to the National Foundation for Transplants were unrestricted donations to support its mission and are not individuals' funds. The main reason NFT is in the process of ceasing operations is precisely due to a lack of funds available for any purpose, much less having funds available for distribution to another organization. Funds donated to NFT cannot be redirected to another nonprofit.

### **How can I receive information about NFT's cease of operations?**

Due to the high volume of requests, the most up-to-date and frequent information is available on this document.

### **What organizations support transplant patients?**

We have compiled a list of organizations in our community that offer similar services. You can find this list below. Please take some time to review these options and identify the provider that best meets your needs. Once you have identified a potential alternative, we encourage you to contact them directly. They can provide you with more information about their programs and how they may be able to support you. *(Funds donated to NFT including those through campaigns cannot be redirected to another nonprofit).*

### **Alternative Service Providers**

- [American Academy of Dermatology](#) helps educate transplant recipients, who are on anti-rejection meds and therefore at greater risk for skin cancer, learn how to prevent and detect skin cancer.
- [American Liver Foundation](#) is a national voluntary health organization that has established a Transplant Fund to assist patients and families in fundraising efforts for liver transplantation. The Foundation acts as a trustee of funds raised on behalf of patients to help pay for medical care and associated transplantation expenses, which may include expenses related to a living liver donation. (800) GO-LIVER / (800) 465-4837, [webmail@liverfoundation.org](mailto:webmail@liverfoundation.org)
- The [American Organ Transplant Association](#) offers transportation assistance through the Greyhound Corporation. Helps patients with free transportation to and from their transplant center, many times hundreds of miles away. (832) 930-2682
- [American Society of Transplantation](#) is a group of transplant professionals dedicated to research, education, advocacy and patient care in transplantation science and medicine.
- [American Transplant Foundation](#) offers financial assistance for transplant recipients and donors located within Colorado. Additionally, the following programs are offered for all U.S. residents:
  - 1+1=LIFE Mentorship Program - available in 12 languages



- Potential Living Donor Database
- Educational resources available on our website.
  
- [Angel Flight](#). Provides free air transportation for medical treatment for patients who cannot afford public transportation or cannot travel long distances due to their condition.
  
- [The Assistance Fund](#). Provides financial support to patients with serious and chronic diseases to help them access the medications they need.
  
- [Arbor Research Collaborative](#) for a health calculator and to compare waiting times by transplant hospital.
  
- The mission of the [Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation \(AMAT\)](#) is to support our partners in the donation and transplant field as they save and heal lives in our diverse communities. (877) 742-2630
  
- [Be The Match Patient Assistance Program](#). Offers financial aid for transplant patients for various expenses, including travel, lodging, and treatment related to bone marrow or cord blood transplants.
  
- [The Bone Marrow & Cancer Foundation](#). Provides support to bone marrow, stem cell, and cord blood transplant patients for expenses including housing, medication, and transportation.
  
- [Children's Organ Transplant Association](#) helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support. (800) 366-2682
  
- [Division of Transplantation](#) is a Government organization that provides Federal oversight and funding support for the nation's organ procurement, allocation, and transplantation system; coordinates national organ and tissue donation activities and funds research to learn more about what works to increase donation; administers the national bone marrow registry program.
  
- [Donate Life America](#) is a not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and state teams across the United States committed to increasing organ, eye and tissue donation.
  
- [Georgia Transplant Foundation](#) is focused on providing both financial and educational assistance for those undergoing or waiting for a solid organ transplant in the entire state of Georgia. GTF also provides [assistance for expenses related to living donation](#). (770) 457-3796
  
- [Gift of a Lifetime](#) is a photo-documentary journey about organ donation and transplantation.
  
- [HealthWell Foundation](#). Offers financial assistance to cover the cost of prescription medication and other significant health care costs.
  
- [HelpHOPELive](#) (formerly called National Transplant Assistance Fund) works with families and volunteers throughout the United States to establish successful grass-roots fundraising campaigns



in honor of individuals facing transplantation or for persons who have sustained a catastrophic injury (incl. spinal cord or traumatic brain). (800) 642-8399 or (610) 727-0612

- [Israel Penn International Transplant Tumor Registry](#) provides information for organ recipients who develop transplant-related malignancies.
- [Kidney Transplant/Dialysis Association](#), Inc. is dedicated to providing financial aid, information, and emotional support to chronic renal disease patients and their families.
- [Lotsa Helping Hands](#) is a simple, immediate way for friends, family, colleagues and neighbors to assist loved ones in need. It is an easy-to-use, private group online calendar, specifically designed for organizing helpers, where everyone can pitch in with meal delivery, rides, and other necessary tasks. There is no cost to your family to use this system.
- [Miracle Flights](#). Offers free flights to those in need of life-saving medical treatments far from home, including transplant patients.
- [National Living Donor Assistance Center \(NLDAC\)](#): Offers financial support to cover travel and subsistence expenses for living organ donors.
- [National Kidney Foundation's Patient Grant Program](#). Provides small financial grants to kidney patients in need for expenses not covered by health insurance.
- [NATCO, The Organization for Transplant Professionals](#) is a professional society representing the largest group of transplant professionals in North America.
- The [National Living Donor Assistance Center](#) is a program funded by the US government that provides reimbursement of travel, subsistence expenses and lost wage reimbursement to people being evaluated for and/or undergoing living donation. The program exists to provide access to transplantation for those who want to donate, but face financial barriers to do so.
- [National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program \(National MOTTEP\)](#) educates and empowers minority communities to learn about organ and tissue transplantation and addresses the diseases and behaviors which lead to the need for transplantation such as diabetes, hypertension, alcohol and substance abuse, poor nutrition and lack of exercise.
- [National Transplantation Pregnancy Registry](#) studies the outcomes of pregnancies in female transplant recipients and those fathered by male transplant recipients.
- Alliance for Paired Donation has a program called [OPT \(Options Post-Transplantation\) for a New Start](#) that provides an opportunity for kidney transplant recipients to acquire a college degree, maintain the health of their kidney, increase their return-to-work rate and begin to enjoy life again after transplantation.
- The [Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network \(OPTN\)](#) is the unified transplant network established by the United States Congress under the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA) of



1984. The act called for the network to be operated by a private, non-profit organization under federal contract. The OPTN is a unique public-private partnership that links all of the professionals involved in the donation and transplantation system. The primary goals of the OPTN are to: increase the effectiveness and efficiency of organ sharing and equity in the national system of organ allocation, and to increase the supply of donated organs available for transplantation. [Find a transplant center.](#)

- [Patient Advocate Foundation \(PAF\)](#). Provides patients with assistance in dealing with large medical bills, including negotiations for reduced charges and payment plans.
- [Patient Access Network \(PAN\) Foundation](#): Provides help to underinsured patients for their out-of-pocket costs for critical medical treatments.
- [Richie's Spirit Foundation](#) promotes organ donation to people of all ages through education awareness programs, grants to honor Richie's memory, and inspiring others to live life in a positive spirit. Transplant Assistance Grant helps off-set some of the expenses for a family with a child waiting for or who recently received an organ donation. Grants will be awarded in the form of gift cards for gas, airlines or groceries.
- [RX Outreach](#) is a non-profit pharmacy making medications affordable for those in need.
- [Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients](#) is a national database for transplant statistics.
- [Transplant Café](#) allows individuals in the transplant community to connect online to create friendships, get & give support, increase awareness through advocacy & much more.
- [Transplant Recipients International Organization \(TRIO\)](#) has a scholarship program that gives thousands of dollars in academic grants to members and their families each year.
- [TRIO/United Airlines Travel Program](#) is a cooperative arrangement between TRIO and the United Airlines Charity Miles Program, providing cost-free air transportation for transplant recipients, candidates, living donors and care-givers for transplant-related travel. (800) TRIO-386, [info@trioweb.org](mailto:info@trioweb.org)
- The [United Network for Organ Sharing \(UNOS\)](#) manages the waiting list for a transplant in the U.S. and matches donors to recipients. Each transplant center's waiting list is part of the "national waiting list" that UNOS manages. UNOS administers the OPTN under contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Their patient-centered [Transplant Living](#) site offers an easy-to-navigate collection of information and resources that help transplant patients and their families make the best possible decisions about their treatment and future health. View their list of [support groups](#) to see if there is one in your area.
- [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#) U.S. Government information on Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation.