



Larry McPeak

Devoted father, brother
and friend

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Dear Friend,

Larry McPeak is fighting for his life.

This Virginia resident has battled health problems for years and received a lifesaving liver transplant in 2001. Since his transplant, Larry requires a number of expensive medications to keep his body from rejecting his new liver. Due to the combination of these medications and his diabetes, Larry now suffers from end-stage kidney failure. **Doctors say a kidney transplant is his only hope for a second chance at life.** Larry will undergo dialysis several times a week until he can receive a transplant.

Larry is an excellent musician and a well-known songwriter. He has played bluegrass professionally for more than 30 years. As a member of the McPeak Brothers and the VW Boys, Larry has spent much of his life performing. He has toured all over the world and gotten to work with many revered musicians, such as Tom T. Hall, the Lonesome River Band and Tim White. For Larry, music isn't just something to listen to, it is truly a way of life.

Despite his struggles, Larry remains positive about the future. He would like nothing more than to have his health restored so he can continue to share his musical talent with others.

Unfortunately, Larry's hope for a new life comes at a very high price.

A kidney transplant costs approximately \$250,000. And that's only the beginning. **Even with health coverage, Larry faces significant medical expenses.** For the rest of his life, he will need follow-up care and daily anti-rejection medications. The cost of post-transplant medications can range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per month—and they are as critical to his survival as the transplant itself. It is estimated that in the short term, Larry needs at least \$25,000 to cover his medical expenses.

What if your life depended on the compassion and generosity of others?

The National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) is working with volunteers and supporters to help relieve the growing burden of expenses for Larry and his family. NFT has been assisting transplant patients with advocacy and fundraising support for more than 25 years. Your gift—of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more—will enable NFT to provide Larry with the financial support he needs.

You can help by visiting www.transplants.org/donate/larrymcpk to make a secure online donation.

If you have any questions about NFT, their services or volunteering, feel free to contact the NFT staff at 800-489-3863.

Many Thanks,

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"Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now" (Proverbs 3:28 TEV)