

# Report to the Community

## From the Executive Director

### A Three-Year Look at Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Grantmaking in Colorado and Wyoming

Looking back over the last three years, The Donor Alliance Foundation worked diligently to ensure those affected by organ and tissue donation were acknowledged, supported and given access to resources that enabled the gift of life through grantmaking. We have been inspired, challenged and learned critical lessons about the needs of our community along the way.

I have been motivated by the bold roles nonprofit organizations are playing to move the needle for transplant patients and donor families through funding and programming.

Every day it has been a gift to do this work for those most in need and we remain committed to our mission of building partnerships and breaking down barriers to influence change, to positively affect the donation and transplant community.

This became very real when the COVID-19 Pandemic hit at the beginning of 2020. During the eight-week open grant cycle, The Foundation received



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a record 28 applications for funding in the amount of \$511,500, \$336,500 over the grantmaking budget. The majority of these requests

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## 2018-2020: A Three-Year Snapshot

From 2018 through 2020, The Donor Alliance Foundation provided grants to the donation and transplant community in its service area of Colorado and Wyoming. Well-deserving nonprofit organizations including hospital foundations, grief centers and other service organizations received funding for projects in education, family assistance and social and clinical research.

To date a total of 45 grants have been given and a total of \$551,500 has gone into communities to positively affect the donation and transplant community.

### Education Grants

- A total of eleven grants for a total of \$118,000
- 21% of total grantmaking expenditures over three years
- Average grant is over \$10,700

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## OUR MISSION

To build partnerships and break down barriers to influence change that will positively affect the donation and transplant community.

## OUR VISION

To ensure those affected by organ and tissue donation are acknowledged, supported and given access to resources that enable the gift of life.

## A Three-Year Snapshot

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- Tend to be for behavioral projects or expanded reach
- Extend current programming

### Family Assistance Grants

- A total of twenty-one grants for a total of \$184,500
- 33% of total grantmaking expenditures over three years
- Average grant is nearly \$8,800
- Tend to be for immediate family assistance funds
- Highly sought after and best for institutions already doing the work

### Research Grants

- A total of thirteen grants for a total of \$249,000
- Four have been social research grants
- 45% of total grantmaking expenditures over three years
- Average grant is over \$19,000
- Mostly seed grants, to test and gather data in order to apply for larger funding
- Mostly clinical but serve a purpose for future funding; difficult to conduct in a 12-month period

## 2018 GRANTEES

The Foundation closed its first grant cycle on July 16, 2018 with a total of 19 applications and total dollar amount requested, \$306,500. The Donor Alliance Foundation Board voted to approve thirteen grants to seven nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$201,500.

### Education Grantees

Children's Hospital Colorado  
National Kidney Foundation, Inc.

### Family Assistance Grantees

American Transplant Foundation  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Liver Health Connection  
Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation  
St. John's Hospital Foundation (WY)

### Research Grantees

*(social & clinical)*

Children's Hospital Colorado  
Regents of the University of Colorado  
University of Colorado Denver (5)

## From The Executive Director

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were in the area of family assistance. With the direction of The Foundation Board, we were able to give nearly half of our grantmaking budget to applicants in that program area.

I have seen such innovation, creativity and willingness to adapt despite a challenging climate. These people and stories are who continue to shape the way The Donor Alliance Foundation gives grants and improves the community.

## Want to learn more?

Please join our mailing list to be informed of our open grant cycles and programs.

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# GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: Children's Hospital Colorado

## Barriers and Disparities in Listing for Pediatric Solid Organ Transplant: Enhancing Understanding and Targeted Interventions



The Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation is passionate about increasing access to transplants for all and reducing health disparities that contribute to inequity. Two grants from The Donor Alliance Foundation have provided some of the critical funding to support this goal.

The Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation analyzed data from its center, including 183 kidney, liver, and heart transplant patients and identified the primary barriers that impacted listing time. The most common barriers for patients and families were financial, followed by caregiver challenges around mental health and patient medical problems that impacted candidacy. The team utilized a comprehensive path model to investigate demographic factors and barriers rather than individually analyzing each factor, which has not been studied in pediatric transplant. The model demonstrated that higher age, kidney and liver organ type (relative to heart), and presence of social (i.e., unstable home environment, lack of parental supervision, child

protective services involvement), medical, administrative/motivation, and financial barriers were all directly associated with a longer time to listing.

While its first grant enabled The Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation to complete comprehensive chart reviews, the second grant helped fund the transplant psychology team and biostatistics partners to understand the data and complete complex statistical analyses. The impact of this work is extensive and significant, and our second grant focused on how we utilize the results to intervene when patients and families have challenges and when health disparities are present.

The impact of this research will be greater accessibility to transplant and equality for pediatric transplant patients.

After addressing these and other barriers many families faced, all felt greatly supported by the comprehensive resources and additional support, highlighting the importance of early intervention for barriers and

the importance of reducing health disparities to promote equitable access to transplantation.

## 2019 GRANTEES

The Foundation closed its second grant cycle on July 31, 2019 with a total of 18 applications and total dollar amount requested, \$315,500. The Donor Alliance Foundation Board voted to approve fourteen grants to eleven nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$175,000.

### Education Grantees

American Liver Foundation  
Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation  
Chris Klug Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation, Inc.  
Wyoming Medical Center Foundation

### Family Assistance Grantees

American Transplant Foundation (2)  
Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation  
Judi's House  
Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation  
University of Colorado Hospital Foundation

### Research Grantees

*(social & clinical)*  
Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation  
University of Colorado Transplant Center  
University of Colorado Hospital

# GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: National Kidney Foundation

## The Big Ask: The Big Give

The National Kidney Foundation has been privileged to receive two grants from The Donor Alliance Foundation, in 2019 and 2020, supporting its living donor initiative: The Big Ask: The Big Give (BABG).



**NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION**

BABG consists of two trainings. First Steps to Transplant is geared towards dialysis

patients who are interested in finding out more about the process of being referred to a transplant center and the transplant evaluation process of being added to the waiting list. Finding a Living Donor is designed for waitlisted patients, their family members, caregivers and advocates who are taught strategies for using effective tools and tips to create and share their stories to find a living donor.

In 2019 The National Kidney Foundation was able to reach 170 patients (goal was 150) and family members delivering one First Steps to Transplant and two Finding a Living Donor workshops (both in English and Spanish).

In the First Steps to Transplant workshop, a total of 36 percent of participants took the next steps towards transplant, including speaking with a nephrologist or dialysis social worker, getting information on local transplant centers and/or self-referring for a transplant evaluation. Similarly, in the Finding a Living Donor workshops, 31 patients had 52 potential donors step forward and 38 percent received a kidney transplant.

Based upon our feedback from the 2019 workshops, The National Kidney Foundation submitted a 2020 grant to pivot the in-person workshops to a

virtual platform to reach more broadly across Colorado and Wyoming. It increased its goal from 150 (in 2019) to 300 (in 2020) and is on track to exceed its goal.

### INITIAL RESULTS

Participant received kidney from her sister

Potential living donor stepped forward to be evaluated to donate a kidney to a pediatric patient

Participant became anonymous donor

Son donated to his father

Participant became non-directed and started a chain resulting in four transplants

## 2020 GRANTEES

The Foundation closed its third grant cycle on July 27, 2020 with a record breaking 28 applications and total dollar amount requested, \$511,500. The Donor Alliance Foundation Board voted to approve eighteen grants to fourteen nonprofit organizations in the amount of \$175,000, cutting more than \$335,000 in requested funding.

### Education Grantees

American Liver Foundation  
American Transplant Foundation  
National Kidney Foundation, Inc.  
PorterCare Adventist Health System

### Family Assistance Grantees

American Transplant Foundation  
Brent Eley Foundation  
Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation  
HeartLight Center, Inc.  
Judi's House  
Limb Preservation Foundation  
PorterCare Adventist Health System  
Rocky Mountain Children's Health Foundation  
Transplant Living Centers, Inc.  
University of Colorado Hospital Foundation

### Research Grantees

*(social & clinical)*

Children's Hospital Colorado Foundation  
University of Colorado Denver (3)



# GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: Brent's Place

## A Safe-Clean Apartment for 365 Days

Brent's Place provides families experiencing a medical crisis with a gateway to lifesaving care by offering independent living accommodations close to partner hospitals. As the only long-term, family-centered, Safe-Clean housing solution in the Rocky Mountain region, Brent's Place delivers a welcoming space, comprehensive support services, and a caring community to families in search of a medical miracle.



A generous grant from The Donor Alliance Foundation in 2020 dramatically impacted the well-being of resident solid organ transplant families by ensuring those who called Brent's Place "home" in late 2020 and early 2021 received a safe and secure family apartment and comprehensive support care, based on in-depth needs assessments. Thanks to a compassionate community of supporters, these services are offered without length of stay limits and regardless of the family's financial situation.

The Donor Alliance Foundation's gift provided 97 nights in a Safe-Clean apartment for solid organ transplant patients and their families, along with access to respite

"At Brent's Place, the primary objective is to ensure services to patients and families for as long as they need, no matter their financial circumstances. The partnership with The Donor Alliance Foundation directly and significantly impacted our ability to continue filling this critical role for a rapidly growing number of solid organ transplant families," said Sean Meyerhoffer, Brent's Place CEO.



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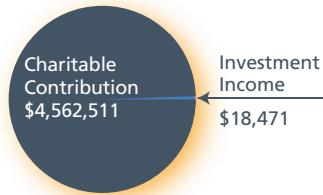
activities that included weekly hot meals and pantry support, music therapy and lessons, craft and recreational activities, holiday and birthday celebrations for each family member, mental health resources, enrichment activities, virtual community gatherings, and more.

Brent's Place anticipates serving 350 families by the close of 2021, including more than 28 solid organ transplant patients (and their 75+ caregivers and siblings), representing a 400 percent increase in this patient population from 2020. As the rate of referrals for patients undergoing solid organ transplantation has increased over the previous year, it is especially impactful to receive funding from The Donor Alliance Foundation to support these specific patients and their loved ones when they need us the most.

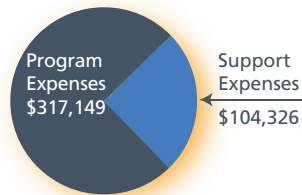
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The Donor Alliance Foundation contracts with Donor Alliance to manage and oversee all Foundation financial activities. Annually, The Foundation employs independent auditors to conduct an audit of all financial revenue and expenses.

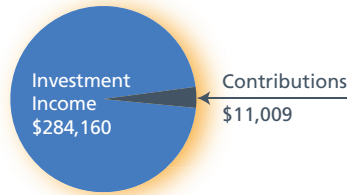
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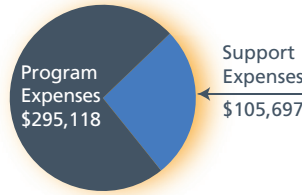
## 2018 Expenses



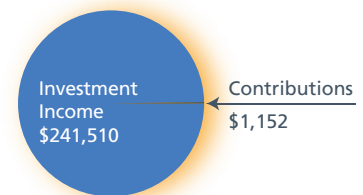
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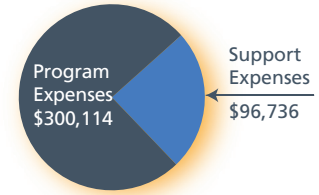
## 2019 Expenses



## 2020 Revenue & Support



## 2020 Expenses



\*In 2017, Donor Alliance made a \$5,000,000 charitable contribution to The Foundation.

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