



Team MO-KAN participates in the 2018 Donate Life Transplant Games of America

Lee's Summit, MO – August 9, 2018 – Sixty-seven members of Team MO-KAN, a community of organ, eye and tissue transplant recipients, living donors, donor families, supporters, transplant professionals and those awaiting transplantation across the states of Kansas and Missouri, recently returned from participating in the 2018 Donate Life Transplant Games of America held August 2 – 7, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Team members consisting of nineteen organ, eye and tissue transplant recipients, nine donor families, two living donors and thirty-seven supporters took part in the bi-annual celebration of life with the goal helping increase the need for more organ, eye and tissue donors, while celebrating the lives of their donors.

Recipients as well as two living donor members of the team brought home a total of thirty-three medals including twelve gold, thirteen silver and eight bronze medals over the course of the six-day competition. Including winning the Gold Medal in Basketball for the first time in team history.

Team members would like to thank the following partners for their continued support: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Breanne Conterio Foundation, Calvary University, Children's Mercy Kansas City, Kansas City Life Insurance Company, Local Union #124 I.B.E.W., Midwest Transplant Network, Omega Designs, Paxton Creative Resources, Piper Middle School, Kansas City TRIO, Starr Homes LLC, Saint Luke's Health System, and Superior Title KC.

Team MO-KAN's mission is to raise awareness of the life-saving importance of organ, corneal and tissue donation through the lives of our donor families, living donors, and organ, eye and tissue recipients and those awaiting transplantation in the states of Kansas and Missouri. To increase the number of individuals registering to be organ, eye and tissue donors in Kansas and Missouri by participating in local and regional awareness events promoting organ, eye and tissue donation.

The Donate Life Transplant Games is a multi-sport festival event produced by the Transplant Life Foundation for individuals who have undergone life-saving transplant surgeries. Competition events are open to living donors, organ transplant recipients, bone marrow, corneal and tissue transplant recipients. More than an athletic event, the Donate Life Transplant Games highlight the critical importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation, while celebrating the lives of organ donors and recipients.

For more information about Team MO-KAN, becoming a financial partner or to schedule an interview with one of our members, contact (816) 304-4914 or email Chris Paxton at info@teammokan.org, or visit online at www.teammokan.org

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