



Dear Friend:

The athletes and supporters of Team USA are once again excited to be fielding a team of transplant recipients to compete in the 21st World Transplant Games to be held in Malaga, Spain from June 25th-July 2nd!

The World Transplant Games is an eight-day and seven-night athletic competition held every two years under the auspices of the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF). Competition is open to anyone who has received a lifesaving solid organ transplant--heart, intestine, liver, kidney, lung, pancreas, or allogenic bone marrow recipients. This year for the first time, living donors and donor family members will compete in selected events as well. The administrative and financial affairs of Team USA is managed by the American Association of Kidney Patients in support of organ donation and transplantation.

Each athlete's participation in the World Transplant Games helps dispel the myths surrounding organ transplantation and demonstrates the success of this lifesaving therapy around the world. It also calls attention to the critical need for more donors—, there are more than 120,000 people waiting for an organ transplant in the U.S. alone and an average of 18 people die each day waiting for a transplant.

In order to register and compete in the World Transplant Games, each athlete is responsible for funding his or her own trip—registration fees, airfare, room and board, and insurance. The estimated cost for each Team USA athlete to attend the World Transplant Games is \$3,000. While some athletes may be able to pay for the trip on their own, others are seeking financial support to fund their trip.

IRS regulations state that a financial gift made payable to an athlete is not tax-deductible, but it will help a transplant survivor demonstrate to the world that transplantation works and that lives can be made normal again through the miracle of transplantation. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation in support of Team USA or have any questions, please contact Team USA at teamusa.worldgames@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Gary Green
Team USA Manager