

# Transplant Leadership Council



# About the American Transplant Foundation

**The American Transplant Foundation (ATF) Mission:** To save lives by reducing the growing list of women, men, and children who are waiting for a lifesaving transplant.

We do this by eliminating educational, emotional, and financial barriers to transplantation through core programs and multidimensional initiatives.

We believe that *no one* should die while waiting for a lifesaving transplant.

Our strategies include:

- Increasing awareness of living donation as a viable, lifesaving option
- Providing pre- and post-operative support resources for living donors
- Helping transplant recipients maintain access to health insurance coverage and lifesaving anti-rejection medications
- Providing free, peer-support guidance to those who are going through the transplant process from someone who has personally been through it
- Engaging young professionals with our programs and initiatives through the Transplant Leadership Council (TLC)

## TLC Benefits

Members of TLC have a positive impact on the transplant community in a number of ways. They directly impact the lives of transplant patients and their families as well as help reduce the waitlist. Other benefits include:

- The opportunity to address one of the world's most pressing healthcare issues.
- The joy of changing and saving lives in the local community and nationally through financial support of specific grants. Annual contributions of \$500 will fund a specific Patient Assistance Program grant.
- The opportunity to review grant applications and make funding decision, thus knowing exactly how personal contributions are making a difference.

- The opportunity to attend exclusive events and network with fellow members and Foundation supporters.
- Acknowledgement of support in the Foundation's website, annual report, and other publications.

## What Is the Role of the Transplant Leadership Council?

The Transplant Leadership Council (TLC) is a powerful leadership network of young professionals in the Denver Metro area and beyond who support the lifesaving mission of the American Transplant Foundation (ATF) through investments of their time, talent, and treasure.

TLC members play an integral role in the **Patient Assistance Program**, a program that provides financial grants to transplant patients across the country. This program has two goals:

- 1.) To cover the lost wages of living donors while they are recovering from their surgeries, thus enabling them to move forward with the donation process.
- 2.) To help transplant recipients maintain access to health insurance coverage and lifesaving immunosuppressant medications by covering direct premium and pharmacy costs.

Each member of the American Transplant Foundation's Young Professionals Group will make an annual commitment to donate or raise \$500, which may be raised at multiple fundraising events throughout the year or may be paid incrementally by the member. Commitment due dates will either be June 15th or December 31st each year, depending on membership anniversary.

TLC members receive emails each month with 2-3 summaries of patient applications for financial assistance. It is the responsibility of each member to act as a steward of the Patient Assistance Program and respond to the Program Coordinator within 24 hours with either an approval or denial vote. Votes are based on the perceived need of each patient.

TLC members are also invited to attend member meetings which take place in Denver, Colorado at various locations. During these meetings, ATF staff will discuss program updates, general Foundation updates, and new initiatives with TLC members, who are invited to provide insight on issues at hand.

# How to Make the Annual Financial Commitment

There are many ways that TLC members can meet their annual commitments. For some, simply making a one-time donation of \$500 is the best option. We understand that for many young professionals, this is not an option, so we give our members the opportunity to do so in a number of ways:

- Monthly Giving – the commitment can be broken up into monthly installments throughout the year
- Donation/Fundraising Combination- a partial contribution (usually \$250) combined with fundraising to reach the remaining commitment
- Fundraising – using various opportunities to raise
- Volunteer time – dedicating an impactful number of direct volunteer hours that is deemed adequate by ATF staff to match the value of the commitment

Below are a few helpful fundraising tips:

- Start with the people closest to you, family, friends, co-workers
- Utilize other TLC members for fundraising opportunity ideas
- Create a fun, personalized fundraising campaign page on our online donor platform. This makes it simple by providing a link that can be shared with others. All donations made through online campaigns go directly to the Patient Assistance Program funds.

## Team Transplant

Many TLC members join Team Transplant, an athletic team of living donors, transplant recipients and their loved ones/supporters who exhibit the strength and perseverance of the transplant community. This team participates in many athletic events and while these events generally take place in Colorado, we invite members in any state to take part in a local event of their own.





# TLC Commitment Form

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Transplantiversary (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Connection to Transplant: \_\_\_\_\_

I commit to raise or donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the American Transplant Foundation by \_\_\_\_\_.

*Minimum total commitment (whether donated, raised, or combination) is \$500 to support the Patient Assistance Program. You can make an online payment at AmericanTransplantFoundation.org or mail in a check to our address below made out to American Transplant Foundation. Please submit a short statement about how you plan to reach your annual commitment by December 31.*

**Patient Assistance Program (PAP) application review:**

I want to vote on PAP applications.

Yes  No

I would like to be reminded by text if I do not respond to PAP review emails within 48 hours.

Yes  No

**I want to receive emails regarding the following things:**

- Monthly newsletters with PAP and TLC updates
- Free ticket offers for concerts and sporting events
- Invitations to fundraising events hosted by TLC members.
- Volunteer opportunities

Please specify your areas of interest (fundraising or educational events, communications....)

Please exclude me from the following emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Once this form has been received a staff member will contact you by phone to complete your New Member Orientation.**

Please mail this completed form to: [support@americantransplantfoundation.org](mailto:support@americantransplantfoundation.org) or American Transplant Foundation

600 17th Street, Suite 2515 South, Denver CO 80202

**For Questions, please call 303-757-0959**

**Thank You!**