

# **URGENT: KIDNEY NEEDED**

## **MIRACLE WANTED – I NEED YOUR HELP**

Below is an open letter from Geffrey Gruber. Geff recently discovered he was born with one kidney and is now facing kidney failure and needs a transplant.

If you or someone you know think you can help, please contact the Northwell Health Transplant Center at (516) 562-0550.

My name is Geff Gruber. I am 30 years old and this is probably the hardest letter I will ever have to write. You see, at the age of 26, I found out that I was born with only one kidney. Being told that was a complete shock, but also being told that it was starting to fail was even worse.

My dad just died from renal failure and a heart attack on November 14th, 2019. My Mom is a Cancer survivor, which makes it necessary for me to now ask strangers for help. There are thousands of people like me on the waiting lists for a deceased kidney donor, but time is not on my side.

Many of us wait for years on the deceased donor list. The average wait time is between 5 and 9 years, depending on where you live. Many of us die while waiting, so my best option is to find a live donor. With a live donor, there is a greater chance of a successful outcome. Kidneys from a live donor last twice as long as that of a deceased donor.

I know this is a huge ask. In fact, the very thought of asking someone for their kidney is overwhelming, but if I don't ask for help now, I could die. My medications, starting dialysis soon and the physical and emotional burden are exhausting and something I would not wish on anyone.

I am praying that I get a miracle. I am a patient at the new NORTHWELL Health Transplant Center located at 400 Community Drive, Manhasset. If you think you could help me please call or you can text me, Geff Gruber, at (516) 410-4771 or [GeffNeedsAKidney@gmail.com](mailto:GeffNeedsAKidney@gmail.com).

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please pass this on to anyone you think might be able to help. I'll be waiting for my miracle.

Thank you so very much, Geff Gruber.

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