



DONOR FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

Team Iowa is proud to sponsor one donor family from our area to attend the 2018 Transplant Games of America in **Meadowlands, New Jersey from July 17-22, 2020**. The Transplant Games is a wonderful opportunity for donor families to meet other families who have made the decision to donate life and to witness recipients who are now thriving thanks to the gifts they've received. Many donor families who attend the Games have shared how healing and inspiring the experience has been for them. From sharing the story of their loved one, to meeting others who have experienced a similar loss and witnessing the appreciation of transplant recipients, donor families find the Games to be an experience they will never forget.

About the Games:

The Transplant Games occurs every other summer and is both a celebration of life and a way to honor the extraordinary generosity of donors and their families. Team Iowa is comprised of men, women and children from the transplant community who want to spread awareness about organ, eye and tissue donation.

Throughout the Games, transplant recipients compete with other recipients from across the country in Olympic-style athletic events. In addition to the competitions, there are many events for donor family members, including the Opening Ceremonies, the Donor Recognition Ceremony, an open mic session and other Donor Family events. Join us to *celebrate, compete, and commemorate*.

Sponsorship Eligibility and Participation Guidelines:

Team Iowa will proudly sponsor one donor family from our area to attend the Transplant Games as part of Team Iowa. This sponsorship includes travel, accommodations and meals for a donor family.

- The selected donor family must be available to travel to Meadowlands, New Jersey for the Games
- Only first time Transplant Games attendees are eligible
- The sponsored family will be expected to share their experience with members of their community to encourage others to sign up to be organ, eye and tissue donors
- The sponsored family should be available to fully participate as a member of the team, including attending team meetings in person or by phone and by sharing their story with the team

Through the open application process, individuals may nominate a family to participate or a family may directly apply. A **Donor Family Nomination Application** or a **Donor Family Application** must be filled out for consideration.

Please note that we welcome all families interested in participating in the Games. While we are only able to financially support one family's participation, all families are invited to join the team and participate at their own expense. Families who have previously been sponsored by IDN/Team Iowa to attend either the Transplant Games or the Rose Parade are not eligible for sponsorship but are invited to join the team. Exceptions will be considered if there is an extraordinary story to be told by a unique prospective participant. To learn more about Team Iowa and the Games, please visit the team website at IowaDonorNetwork.org.