

What is TAO?

Transplant Awareness Organization of Greater Rochester (TAO) is a not-for-profit and 501(C) 3 organization serving those in the Rochester and surrounding areas.

Members consist of transplant recipients, candidates, caregivers, donor families, transplant and donation professionals and those who have an interest in transplantation and donation.

TAO members provide support by sharing their personal experiences. In addition, members participate in special events during the year to promote organ, eye and tissue donation.

TAO works to improve the quality of life for transplant recipients, candidates and their families.

TAO is educational, friendly and social.

Transplantation Works!

“ TAO offers a place to get an uplifting feeling knowing that there are other people who experience the same feelings as you do due to transplant, whether it is pre-transplant, post transplant or a caregiver. ”

—*Recipient*

“ The personal relationships I've made from TAO have encouraged me to have faith in organ donation and transplantation. TAO members have a unique connection and give me hope as I wait. ”

—*Candidate*



For more information, visit our web site at
www.tao-rochester.org

1-888-664-1463

NEED TRANSPLANT
SUPPORT?

ASK US!



*Providing support, understanding,
education and resources for
transplant recipients, candidates
and their families.*

Thousands of organ, eye and tissue recipients are alive and well today because of technology and the generous gifts from donors and donor families. To the average person, transplant surgery holds the mystic quality of a miracle treatment. It is undeniably a miraculous advance in medicine. For those who have endured the seemingly endless wait for a donor organ and finally received a transplant, it is indeed a chance for a new life.



In many cases, however, this new life brings with it a new set of challenges. Some recipients face lives that can be difficult financially, psychologically and socially. They must take medication daily, regulate diet and weight, as well as remain constantly alert for possible rejection.

In addition to these physical concerns, they must deal with the high costs associated with organ transplantation. Transplant recipients share a special bond of understanding and mutual support as a result of their experiences.

Why Join TAO?

Support: Receive and give support to transplant candidates, recipients and their families.

Education: Provides members with current information on developments in transplantation, medications, finances and social issues.

Advocacy: Advocates for the needs and concerns of members in local/national legislative efforts.

Awareness: Promote public awareness of the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation.

Membership Benefits:

- Provides a local support system for you, as an transplant recipient, candidate or family member.
- Guest Speakers are scheduled during the year to present on topics pertinent to transplantation and support.
- Receive *Transplant Times* with news on medical updates, activities, events and more.

For more information, visit us on the web at:

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Monthly meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at:

**Christ Episcopal Church
Fellowship Room
36 S. Main Street
Pittsford, NY**

Become a Member Today!

(please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: (_____) _____

Work phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Membership Type:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recipient | <input type="checkbox"/> Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donor Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |

Membership dues: \$20.00

Enclosed is my additional tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$ _____.

No one is denied membership because of financial considerations

Please make checks payable to:

**TAO of Greater Rochester
PO Box 23552
Rochester, New York 14692-3552**

Candidate/Recipient information:

Number of Transplants: _____

Dates: _____

Organ/Tissue: _____

Hospital: _____

 *Detach and return with your check.*