Someone who needs a kidney transplant can spend an average of **4–7 YEARS** waiting for an organ on the National Organ Transplant registry.

But if you have a living donor, the wait time can be just a **FEW MONTHS** VERSUS **SEVERAL YEARS**.

In 2018, more than **97,000 PEOPLE** are waiting for a deceased donor kidney.

Becoming a living donor can be scary, but remember donor safety is always our **#1 PRIORITY**!

### Living Donation Advantages

1. A living donor transplant is the **BEST OPTION** for people with kidney disease.

2. Donating a kidney is the ultimate **GIFT OF LIFE**. Living kidney donation saves lives.

3. Living donors pay **ZERO COSTS** related to surgery. Evaluation and surgery are covered by Medicare or the recipient’s insurance.

### Transplants By The Numbers

19,851
Kidney transplants performed nationally in 2017.

5,813
Kidney transplants were from a living donor in 2017.

84
Kidney transplants performed at Hartford Hospital in 2017.

26
Living kidney donors at Hartford Hospital in 2017.

### Living Kidney Donation at Hartford Hospital

Not a match, not a problem. Over the last decade advances in Kidney Paired Donation Programs have allowed for incompatible pairs to participate in kidney paired exchanges.

Hartford Hospital was involved in the longest multi-hospital Living Donor Kidney Chain in U.S. history in 2015 — involving **68 kidney donors and recipients**.

You can make a difference. **Become a living kidney donor**.

For more information on Living Kidney Donation, please call one of our Living Kidney Donor Coordinators at 860.972.9918 or 860.972.4632. For more information on Living Kidney Donation, please visit hartfordhospital.org/livingkidneydonation.