

Friends and Family Letter Template #3:

This letter is a guide to help you create a customized letter to send to your friends and/or family to tell them about your need for a kidney donor. Feel free to talk to your donor search coach to get recommendations on what information to include and guidance on making changes and additions that are best for you. Areas that need to be customized are highlighted.

Dear Friends and Family:

Please forgive the form letter, but I have something important to share with all of you and I thought this would be the best way to let everyone know as quickly and easily as possible.

As some of you know, I have been experiencing some health issues lately, and my medical team has told me I need a kidney transplant. For this, I need a donor kidney from either a deceased or a living donor. I **[am already on/plan to join DELETE THE VERSION THAT DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU]** the waiting list to receive a kidney from a deceased donor, but I have no idea how long the wait will be. Whether I get a kidney depends on a number of factors, and the wait can be as long as 10 years. I don't know if my body can wait that long.

My best chance for a kidney transplant is to find a living kidney donor. That's where this letter comes in. If you would consider becoming a kidney donor, please visit <https://www.kidneyregistry.com/donate> to do a short screening to see if you qualify. There is no obligation to go through with the donation, and I will not know that you are being tested.

Becoming a living kidney donor is a fairly straightforward process. First, you would do a preliminary online screening, then some medical tests and basic health screenings. If you are approved as a donor, you would undergo donation surgery, which is very and usually requires only a day or two in the hospital. After that, you'd need about four to six weeks to recover. Most kidney donors feel back to 100% within a few weeks.

You can choose when and where to donate, your medical expenses as well as lost wages, travel costs, and dependent care expenses will be covered, and you don't even have to be medically compatible with me to donate on my behalf. If you're interested in how it works, visit <https://www.kidneyregistry.com/voucher>.

I know I've given you a lot to think about. I want to stress that I do not expect anything from you and I will never pressure you into being tested or becoming a donor. I'm just grateful for the opportunity to share my health journey with you, and for your support during this challenging time.

If you don't want to donate but still want to help, please share my story with anyone you know and encourage others to visit my personal website to learn more: [\[ADD YOUR MICROSITE URL HERE\]](#).

I am also happy to answer any questions you may have. If nothing else, I hope you will keep me in your thoughts. I can use all the help I can get.

Love,

[Your Name]

[Phone number or email address if comfortable sharing]