



ONE KIDNEY CLIMBER: Samantha Carreiro, Boston

SAMANTHA CARREIRO was inspired to donate when she watched a friend pass away while searching for a bone marrow donor when she was younger. That experience changed her outlook on life and she knew in the future that given the chance to save another life while maintaining her own, she would do it. Deeply rooted in her faith she had never felt the calling to do something this strongly before.

Her recipient is a spin instructor at a gym she belonged to for years. After class one day she heard he needed a kidney and instantly knew this was something she was supposed to do. She moved forward with testing in complete peace knowing should she match this would only be another chapter in her own life story.

She is climbing Kilimanjaro to show the world that donation does not negatively impact the quality of life. When hearing about the opportunity to take advocacy to new heights she knew she had to be involved. She believes that while donating may not be for everyone, everyone should be aware that donating does not dictate an inactive future.

Samantha works for a brand & design firm in her home state of New Hampshire. She lives with her husband Kevin, son Kamden, Daughter Ellie, and two dogs. When she is not climbing mountains, she enjoys spending time

with her family, playing & coaching basketball, staying active, reading, or simply playing board games with friends. She donated her kidney on June 23, 2020, at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. “I hope to show my kids that we can enhance the world in different unique ways, this is mine.”



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