ONE KIDNEY CLIMBER: Tracey Hulick, Portland

TRACEY HULICK is the founder of Kidney Donor Athletes (KDA) and was inspired to donate dating back to when she was in the 7th grade when she first heard about living donation. Even at that young age she instantly knew it was something she wanted to do. Nearly 30 years later she followed through and never regretted it. Having the ability to give the gift of health is incredibly powerful.

Tracey is climbing to bring awareness to living donation. The biggest challenge she faced during her kidney donation journey was people’s perceptions of living donation. Many thought she was crazy, taking too big of a risk, and making a mistake. That negative feedback was a big part of her drive to create Kidney Donor Athletes!

Tracey is a Senior Manager of Loan Operations in Bend, Oregon. She lives with her fiancée Spencer, dog Ainsleigh, and cat Moo. When she is not climbing mountains, she has a passion for running, hiking, creating things, cooking new vegan recipes, sitting in the hammock in the woods, reading, and yoga. Tracey donated her kidney on May 23, 2017, in Madison, Wisconsin and is a member of the board of directors for KDA. “This Kilimanjaro expedition
has the power to show the world what IS possible as a living donor, which is one of the most meaningful things I could invest my time in.”