



## **ONE KIDNEY CLIMBER: Bobby McLaughlin, Seattle**

**BOBBY MCLAUGHLIN** is the current president of Kidney Donor Athletes (KDA) and was inspired to donate as simply something he was compelled to do. He had no idea donating a kidney was possible, but once he learned about it, and heard what life was like for a recipient, it was something he felt compelled to do. He had met someone who donated and saw that her life had returned to normal. Being healthy and physically fit he thought I can do this. He had received some donor bone and tissue to repair a fractured wrist, now it was his time to help someone else.

Bobby is climbing to help advocate for kidney donation and share his experience with friends. After being cleared to donate it immediately hit him, there must be more to this. He was put in contact with Kidney Donor Athletes where he has made incredible life-long friendships and connections with other donors. He feels this climb provides a platform where the group can collectively help so many others who are waiting for the transplant they so desperately need.

Bobby has a daughter Hailey who is a flight attendant and a son Brandon who is in the United States Marine Corps. When he is not climbing mountains, he is enjoying hiking, mountaineering, reading, travel, and

volunteering. Bobby donated his kidney on January 2, 2019, in Seattle, Washington. “At the time there was no one I knew who was in need of a kidney, but it still made perfect sense to me to do it anyway as there were tens of thousands of people in need.”



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