

ERIN PRINDLE BIO

Erin was inspired to donate when a colleague's wife had a failed transplant and was still in need of a donor. After months of testing, they ultimately were not a match, and the intended recipient received a deceased donor kidney prior to being matched for a paired exchange. As an approved donor, Erin still wanted to give of herself and help another person in need, so she opted to be a non-directed donor and went through more testing at a hospital closer to her home city. A match was found in November of 2021 and the surgery was performed in December. Erin and her recipient got to meet at a hospital organized event approximately 6 weeks after the surgery. Her recipient continues to do very well, and they remain in touch on a regular basis.

Erin is participating in the KDA Rim to Rim Challenge because of her intrinsic drive for a challenge and passion for living donor awareness. She believes bringing knowledge to living donation is important, and promoting the ability to lead a normal, and very active life, post-donation helps break any barriers or myths around living donation.

Erin is a Senior Recruiter with the world's largest contract food service company and will have her 23rd work-anniversary with them in August. She lives outside of Pittsburgh and has two high school and college aged children, Dylan and Casey. When she is not out in the woods with her dogs or trail-running group, Erin enjoys spending time with loved ones, lifting weights, reading, traveling, and trying out new activities.

Erin donated her kidney on December 17, 2021, at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. "God gave me a gift of health, and this quote from Pablo Picasso perfectly sums up how I feel": *The meaning of life is to find your gift; the purpose of life is to give it away*