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Christiana Care Health System
Kidney Transplant Program
Some of the benefits of living donation include:

- Significantly better survival rates for transplants from living donors than transplants from deceased donors.
- The recipient has time to plan for the transplant.
- Even with paired kidney donation, perhaps the most important aspect of living donation is the psychological benefit. The recipient can experience positive feelings knowing that the gift they received is a result of the generosity of their donor. The donor has the satisfaction of knowing that he or she has contributed to the improved health of the recipient.

Emily Pruitt, RN, MSN, living donor coordinator; donor Susan Karlson of Fair Hill, Md.; S. John Swanson III, M.D., FACS, chief of Transplantation Surgery; and organ recipient Rosalie Corbett of Newark; are all part of a lengthy kidney paired-chain donation success story.
Paired kidney donation allows the recipient to have all of the benefits of living donation even if their loved one is not a match for them.

In the “Paired Exchange Program” a blood type or tissue incompatible kidney transplant recipient and their donor exchange kidneys with another donor/recipient pair who is also incompatible.

In other words, the two pairs swap kidneys.