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Central Florida Corvette Association

**Re: 2010 U.S. Transplant Games**

Please let me introduce myself, my name is Faye Woolery and my daughter's name is Loren Woolery. My family lives in Osceola County. My daughter is a kidney transplant recipient. When Loren was 18 months old her kidneys began to fail, and Loren was put on peritoneal dialysis. At the age of three, Loren received her kidney transplant. Today my daughter is 19 years old.

This past February 2010 my husband, I, and Loren celebrated her 16<sup>th</sup> year kidney transplant anniversary. By the way Loren named her kidney "Sally." I cannot begin to tell you how much this means to my husband and I and how much this means to Loren. Loren is truly grateful for the "**Gift of Life**" that she received when she was only three years old.

My daughter has been a participating athlete in the 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 U.S. Transplant Games and God willing she will be a participating athlete in the 2010 U.S. Transplant Games. The reason for her participation is to show how important it is to become an organ donor. Without my daughter's transplant only God knows what could have happened to her. But because of an unselfish decision to donate, my daughter is alive today. The U.S. Transplant Games is a way to raise awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation, to acknowledge families that have donated and living donors, and to bring organ recipients and their families together.

The reason for this letter is to share information about the 2010 U.S. Transplant Games. The Games are an Olympic-style competition for recipients of life-saving transplants, including kidney, liver, heart, lung, pancreas, and bone marrow. I am hoping that my daughter and the athletes from Florida "Team Florida" can get coverage and media attention like the U.S. Olympics.

The U.S. Transplant Games are the nation's premiere athletic competition held every two years for recipients of all organ transplants. This Olympic-style event will unite more than 6,000 athletes and spectators from across the United States for exciting competition in 37 events, representing 13 sports. The event has been presented by the National Kidney Foundation since 1990. The 2010 U.S. Transplant Games are scheduled for July 30-August 4, 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin. Transplant athletes will compete in an extraordinary showcase of athletic talent expressly to:

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- promote the success of organ transplantation;
- bring the importance of life-saving organ donation to the forefront of public awareness
- recognize the more than 5,000 families each year who generously donated organs and tissues of their loved ones.
- recognize the selfless gift of hundreds of living donors.

Thank you for taking the time out of you busy schedule to read my letter.

Please feel free to call me at (407) 647-7275 ext. 4324 or e-mail me at [fawoolery@pbsj.com](mailto:fawoolery@pbsj.com).

For more information about the games please visit the National Kidney Foundation's website at [www.transplantgames.org](http://www.transplantgames.org) and for more information about Team Florida please contact the NKF of Florida 1-800-976-0772.

Sincerely,

*Faye Woolery*

Faye Woolery  
(Mom)

