

No distance too large for gift of life

A cross-country paired exchange kidney donation gave an Illinois man his life back

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ANCHOR LEDE: No distance is too large for the gift of life. Tim Ditman of OSF HealthCare reports on a paired exchange kidney donation that gave a Mahomet [ma-HOM-it], Illinois, man his life back.

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Quintin Porter needed a kidney. His high school girlfriend, Christy Stott, wanted to donate but wasn't compatible. OSF got the ball rolling on a paired exchange, where Stott donated to a person in Cleveland and Porter got a kidney from Eris [air-EESE] Diaz of Miami.

*SOUNDBITE, ERIS DIAZ: "Donation is important because you're sharing your life with people who need it, and that is beautiful."*

Porter agrees.

*SOUNDBITE: QUINTIN PORTER: "It's a big sacrifice. But if you had the ability to save someone's life, wouldn't you?"*

I'm Tim Ditman.

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