

BROADCAST- Mom gets new life from living organ donor

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April is National Donate Life Month, and for one Illinois mother, the message is deeply personal.

April Post of Normal is alive today because of organ donation. Born with a defect that required a kidney transplant as a teenager, she faced kidney failure again decades later – this time, as a single mom to a young daughter.

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After nearly five years on dialysis, Post received a life-saving transplant in 2019. She remembers the change almost immediately after surgery.

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"I had so much energy, and I was so hungry... I was so hungry and so energized. It was awesome." (:17)

Her donor, Kelly Stogner, (pronounced STAUGH-nur) says the decision to help came down to empathy.

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"I could see myself in her... just wanting to live the best life she could for herself and her daughter," Stogner said. "And I thought, 'If I could help, why wouldn't I?'" (:17)

Today, Post is back to living a full life – working as a case manager for troubled teens, raising her daughter who is now 16, and appreciating every moment, thanks to a stranger's extraordinary gift.