

Help Zuleica Pay for Post Transplant Meds!

Zuleica Is Doing Well After Her Lifesaving Surgery

Since Zuleica underwent a lifesaving kidney transplant in September of 2008, Living Lord Lutheran continues to support her through prayer and fundraisers to help her pay for her post-transplant medications. (Our congregation partnered with Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg for more than two years to help raise the money for her surgery, because Zuleica has no medical insurance.) We have also committed as a congregation to continue to pray for her and raise funds for her medications, which cost more than \$2,000 per month. Zuleica is feeling much healthier and has more energy now, and she hopes to go back to school to get her GED. She is extremely grateful for our continuing support.



Pastor Jean Durán (*left*) and Sister Marianne Supan (*right*) have led efforts by our two congregations to support Zuleica (*center*) through this difficult time in her life.

Our Challenges

To make sure Zuleica stays on track with her healing and can move on with her life, we need to raise enough money to pay for her postoperative medicines for several years. We've made a good start, but need to keep focused on our goal: To help Zuleica until she is healthy enough to get a job and begin to pay for her meds on her own. With this in mind, please continue to:

1. Pray for Zuleica's health.
2. Participate in fundraisers to support the cost of her post-transplant meds. This is YOUR opportunity to make a HUGE difference in the life of one person right in your own community. Zuleica needs our help!

Thanks so much for your generosity and compassion.

Here's How You Can Help:

- Participate in a fundraiser for Zuleica!
- Make a donation to Zuleica's kidney fund! (See below.)
- Create your own fundraising activity! Be sure to work with Pastor Jean Durán, at [630] 830-3630, ext. 4602.
- Become an advocate for Zuleica and help secure post-transplant funding for medicines. Please contact Pastor Jean ASAP if you can help!

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Zuleica's Kidney Fund

To contribute to Zuleica's kidney fund directly, send donations to the Zuleica Arano Estrada Fund, Account No. 4800394465, at Harris Bank Streamwood, 185 W. Irving Park Road, Streamwood, IL 60107.

Some Background Info

Zuleica Arano Estrada is a local young woman who suffered from end-stage renal disease for years but had to wait a very long time for a new kidney because she did not have insurance to pay for the surgery. Due to a rare, genetic kidney disease, Zuleica needed a kidney transplant to live. Now, after years of waiting and fundraising help from her community, Zuleica has her new kidney and can look forward to a future.

Zuleica plans to get her GED (general equivalency diploma) for high school. She had been forced to drop out in her sophomore year due to her deteriorating health. Zuleica began receiving kidney dialysis in her home shortly after she was diagnosed with end-stage renal disease in 2000. Her disease disrupted her life and forced her to drop out of Bartlett High School. A couple of years later, her situation became more serious and for many months she had to undergo hemodialysis, a painful and physically taxing procedure, three times a week at Children's Memorial Hospital.

Sister Marianne Supan, from Church of the Holy Spirit in Schaumburg, set up a special kidney fund for Zuleica at Harris Bank in Streamwood. Living Lord Church has coordinated many different fundraising efforts over the past four years, and more are in the works.

Now that Zuleica has her kidney, the focus of our efforts has changed. The new goal is to support the cost of her postoperative medicines to make sure she can make a new start to a future that was all too uncertain until now. Will you help us?

**For more information on how YOU can get involved,
call Pastor Jean Duran at Living Lord Church
at (630) 830-3630, ext. 4602.**

Living Lord Church is located at 1044 Congress Drive, on Route 59 just south of Stearns Road in Bartlett.

WE HOPE YOU WILL DONATE TO ZULEICA'S KIDNEY FUND!

Thanks for opening your heart to another in need.