

Mayo Clinic blog inspires kidney donation

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Remy Marceau	“In 2012, I had my first kidney transplant.”
Title: Remy Marceau Kidney recipient	“Four-and-a-half years later, when I went into rejection, it was a big surprise.”
Remy Marceau	“So we talked about a second transplant and waited 2 ½ years for a living donor – because that’s always best.”
Remy Marceau	“So, luckily, April saw the story that was done; and now we’re here today.”
Title: April Klaus Kidney donor	“I saw the story of Remy on Sharing Mayo Clinic.”
Vivien Williams	April Klaus saw this story about Remy Marceau’s need for a second transplant – a second chance at freedom from blood-cleansing dialysis treatments.
Title: Hasan Khamash, M.D. Nephrology Mayo Clinic	“Dialysis is very hard. Besides that, it takes half a day, three times a week.”
Remy Marceau	“April sent me a message, and we talked. I was actually at dialysis when she sent me, you know ...”
April Klaus	“... I have A-negative blood type. Are you still looking for a donor?”
Vivien Williams	Remy was still looking, and now he was hoping. And so was April.
April Klaus	“I think it’s just in my heart that I love caring for other people and doing generous things.”
Hasan Khamash, M.D.	“The best option for someone who’s in need of a kidney transplant is a kidney from a live donor. A kidney from a live donor works better and lasts longer.”
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April and Remy meet for the first time	
April Klaus	“Hi, guys.”
Vivien Williams	Tests proved April could be a live donor. She could be Remy’s second chance.
Remy Marceau	“It was very special to meet her that day. And we just connected like we grew up together.”
April Klaus	“The day of the surgery, I did feel anxious and nervous, but I was really excited to be surrounded by so many great people.”
	<i>Sounds within an operating room</i>
Vivien Williams	Today – his donated kidney functioning well – Remy is looking forward to sharing a new chapter of his life with the new friend who made it all possible.
Remy Marceau	“You try your best to really mean the most with your thank-yous, and really show them your life and how they impacted it. I think that’s a great – a great way to thank someone – is they get to see the progress they’ve created.”
Graphic: newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Vivien Williams.