

THE KURT OSCARSON CHILDREN'S ORGAN TRANSPLANT FUND

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The Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund was established in 1992 (UCA 26-18a) to provide financial support for children who require organ transplants and to promote organ donor awareness. A five-member committee oversees this restricted fund, which is funded through "check-off donations" on the Utah State Income Tax Form. Authority to make expenditures from the fund is granted by an appropriation from the Legislature. The committee may award financial assistance to eligible families through interest-free loans. The committee establishes the terms of repayment, which may include a waiver of the loan repayment. The committee works actively with families to help them secure other financial assistance as well as referring families to other agencies for support services. The committee has also approved expenditures to encourage organ donation. (Lack of donors is a greater problem than actually paying for the transplants.) Utah code requires the committee to make an annual report to the Appropriations Subcommittee.

During the 2012 Fiscal year, \$52,979 was collected through the tax check-off on the Utah State Tax Form. The fund assisted 5 new transplant recipients (children under the age of 18 years) with transplant related expenses totaling \$14,817. In addition, the committee worked toward promoting organ donation awareness through Intermountain Donor Services. A total of \$45,000 was expended for promotion and awareness purposes in FY11 leaving a year-end balance of \$116,336.

Below is a summary of current and historical data:

Fiscal Period	Revenue Collected From Tax Returns	Donor Promotion Expenses	Medical Assistance Expenses	Fund Balance Year End	Number Families Assisted
Fiscal Year 2012	\$52,979	\$45,000	\$14,817	\$116,336	5
Prior 3 yr Average	\$56,062	\$46,610	\$23,791	\$130,227	5.3
Fund 20 year History	\$1,383,517	\$703,141	\$564,040	\$116,336	106

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