

Thank you for your interest in proceeding with your living kidney donor evaluation! In an effort to offset some of the out of pocket expenses related to travelling to UCLA for donor evaluation and later for the donation surgery, there are several resource options for donors that may be helpful to you:

- 1. NLDAC** (National Living Donor Assistance Center) is a national organization funded by a federal government grant, with a mission to reduce financial disincentives for living organ donation. Eligibility for this resource is based on the recipient's income. If approved, this resource covers economy airfare, hotel, meals, rental car, airport transportation, and parking expenses for the donor and one companion/caregiver. NLDAC requires both the donor and the recipient to complete an application found on their website, which is then sent to our Social Worker who will submit the request on your behalf to NLDAC. The process for approval takes about two weeks once the applications are submitted. If approved, a debit card is sent to the donor prior to travel, loaded with pre-paid funds that can be used to cover the expenses. **Please go online to www.livingdonorassistance.org for more information and application for this resource.**
- 2.** If a donor is not eligible for NLDAC assistance, **UCLA Kidney Transplant** has limited funds from a private donation set aside to reduce travel costs for living organ donation. This fund may be used to pay for hotel expenses for 2-3 nights at the time of donation, for the donor and one companion/caregiver. Hotel access is limited and will be provided upon request when available. **Our administrative staff can assist with any questions you may have and provide you with the form to request hotel stay.**
- 3. Kaiser and some other health insurance providers** may provide limited financial reimbursement to offset donor travel expenses; ask your recipient to inquire about this member benefit from his/her health insurance provider. This coverage may reimburse hotel costs up to \$100 per night, \$50 daily rate for food, transportation (economy class airfare, gas mileage up to the value of an economy class airfare ticket if a flight is not booked, taxis and/or shuttle to and from the airport or hotel). This member benefit resource is a reimbursement option. After the travel information and receipts are submitted to the insurance provider, it takes an average of six to seven weeks to process and send the reimbursement check to the donor. **Please ask your recipient to contact their Kaiser Care Coordinator or other insurance provider to confirm benefits.**
- 4. Donors who participate in the National Kidney Registry (NKR)** as part of UCLA's kidney paired donation (KPD) program are entitled to travel cost reimbursement of up to \$2000 and lost wage reimbursement (adjusted by income confirmation), once the donor surgery has been completed. **If participating in our KPD program, your coordinator will provide details once you are approved for donation.**

Please let us know which option best suits your needs, and call your coordinator or assistant with any questions.

Our team looks forward to working with you!