Children's Organ Transplant Association®

2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT



Annabelle Williams
COTA Kid since 2019

The Trusted Leader Supporting Families … For a Lifetime

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Myles Nesbitt
COTA Patient since 2003

"COTA is a huge help. Knowing COTA funds are there for transplant-related expenses helps keep me calm. It is hard to describe all that has happened on my journey since I was featured in the first COTA Calendar in 2005. But what is easy to convey is that it has been a success story, thanks to COTA. I have had medical complications and challenges along the way but what has stayed constant is COTA's commitment. I am able to live life to the fullest, including getting married and having children, without having to worry about ongoing and necessary transplant-related expenses. COTA means the world to my family now … and will for a lifetime."

Myles Nesbitt

COTA'S MISSION

The Children's Organ Transplant Association helps children and young adults who need a life-saving transplant by providing fundraising assistance and family support.

40 YEARS
Then. Now. Always.
Giving Hope.

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Four Decades of Donors=
A Lifetime of Support for Transplant Families

by Rick Lofgren, COTA President and CEO

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is a national nonprofit with an unwavering commitment to its mission … to provide fundraising assistance and family support. COTA was founded in April 1986 when an Indiana family could not afford the liver transplant their toddler son needed to survive. Their family members and friends canvassed neighborhoods and county fairs to collect cash and coins to help, held events and shared their story in churches and service clubs. That first group of volunteers formed the foundation of what would grow to become COTA. Today, 40 years later, COTA is a national non-profit committed to helping transplant families avoid financial devastation.

Throughout 2026, the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) is celebrating 40 years of its commitment to being "The Trusted Leader Supporting Families … *For a Lifetime.*" COTA is also celebrating four Decades of Donors -- those who make the selfless decision to become organ and tissue donors *and* financial contributors who have helped raise more than $160 million for transplant-related expenses. COTA was founded by one Indiana family in 1986. Today, thousands of transplant families rely on COTA's guidance and support, which is provided at no cost.

One of the most valuable lessons I learned when I joined the team in 1998 was the importance of relationships. Shortly after I arrived that summer, I had the opportunity to meet COTA families throughout the Midwest. As time went on, I had the chance to meet even more throughout the nation. Early in my tenure, it was very clear that what COTA did … *how COTA helped* … had a tremendous impact on our patients' lives, but also on their families the volunteers who stepped up to help.

"We joined the COTA Family in 2002 when our transplant social worker at Stanford Children's Hospital introduced us to the organization about four months prior to our son's kidney transplant," said Bob Kayne. "Kevin was born two weeks early with jaundice and a hernia; the baby struggled with failure to thrive during his first year. A blood test around his first birthday revealed high creatinine and we were referred to a pediatric nephrologist at San Diego Children's where we were living at the time," Claudette Kayne shared.

"Even though COTA became part of our family's transplant journey more than two decades ago, we clearly remember the day we first learned this organization existed," Bob and Claudette said emphatically. "Ever since that day when we started working with COTA, we have NEVER felt alone travelling Kevin's transplant journey. Never," they emphasized.

"COTA is there with a transplant family for the long haul, in our case from our son's childhood to now working with Kevin as an adult. Rick Lofgren, COTA's President, called us at the outset of our journey to check on how we were doing and



Kevin Kayne
COTA Patient since 2002



Savannah Anselmo

COTA Kid since 2007

"We have good health insurance, but without COTA we are not sure her liver transplant journey would have been possible. In the beginning with just our insurance, we could not have afforded necessities like parking, lodging, airplane fares, co-pays and medications … the list goes on. We still remember our first call to COTA when our baby was very sick. We were so emotional and did not know what to do or where to turn. Then we heard these words, *'Do not worry, we are here to help your family.'* We will never forget the power of those words. There is no way we could have travelled this journey with our daughter for nearly 20 years without COTA."

Ana and Robert Anselmo
Parents of Savannah

Four Decades of Donors

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asking if we had any questions. And he has never stopped calling us to check on Kevin and both of us as well. COTA's lifetime commitment is steadfast. You can trust COTA."

More than 23 years after receiving his kidney from his father, Kevin has graduated from college with a degree in chemistry and has an incredible job in the aerospace industry working with the Department of Defense. He has also spoken at a number of American Legion events on behalf of COTA. In fact, after speaking at a 2024 event in Tucson, Arizona, the incoming Detachment of Arizona Commander chose COTA as his Commander's Project that year. Commander Mike Bryant was moved by Kevin's presentation, and as a two-time cornea transplant recipient, Mike immediately knew COTA was the charity he wanted to support. Over the past year, the Detachment of Arizona raised more than $55,000 to help Arizona COTA Kids. And the COTA Family grew as well when Commander Bryant's good friend's son became a COTA patient due to his need for a kidney transplant. Incoming Detachment of Arizona Commander, Gary Manwell, is the son of a heart transplant recipient, and he also has selected COTA as his Commander's Project for the coming year.

One family's relationship with COTA has grown into a partnership with The American Legion Family that is making a tremendous impact for our kids and families thanks to ***decades of donors!***

As COTA celebrates ***four decades of donors*** throughout 2026, we also celebrate those relationships and the partnerships that have evolved as a result. You are likely reading this Impact Report

because of a relationship that you have established with COTA -- with one of our patient families, with a volunteer team raising funds in honor of a COTA Kid in your area, a colleague or neighbor who was touched by COTA's assistance, or because you chose to make a gift to COTA that has allowed our work to continue throughout the country. These gifts are critical because since COTA's day one -- four decades ago -- 100% of funds contributed in honor of patients are used for transplant-related expenses. This has been our unwavering commitment and will continue to be well into the future thanks to you, a COTA Miracle Maker.

I believe the first ***four decades of donors*** of COTA's history have been incredible, impactful and life-saving. I look forward to watching our next decade of service and support unfold, because of your gifts of service and treasure. Thank you for walking with us as we continue to focus on being ***The Trusted Leaders Supporting Families … For a Lifetime!***

Kayne Family





Lauren Seiders

COTA Kid since 2007

"COTA's lifetime of support commitment gives us peace of mind. COTA has let us breathe easier for two decades and will continue to do so for many years to come. COTA is a huge blessing … not just with 20+ years of endless transplant-related bills … but because this organization does exactly what they say they will do. COTA means our daughter is going to have choices as an adult. It is mind blowing to think about Lauren's procedure and medication costs given her pre-existing conditions. COTA has been there for us during challenging times; COTA will be there for Lauren to navigate any rough waters that may lie ahead. We will be forever grateful."

Suzanne Seiders, Mom of Lauren
Member of COTA Board of Directors

COTA Miracle Maker Profile:
Bo Hannah… Decades of Leadership

COTA Board Member, Advocate & Philanthropist

Mark "Bo" Hannah is the Managing Partner of Potts Hannah & Fischer in Indianapolis. He has served multiple terms on the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) Board of Directors beginning in 2005. Bo currently chairs COTA's Finance and Audit Committee and has served on both the Allocations Committee and the Compensation Committee throughout his years of service.

When Bo joined COTA's Board nearly two decades ago, the organization helped more than 100 new transplant families annually and had assisted approximately 1,500 families since its founding in 1986. Today, more than 4,500 children and young adults are counted as COTA patients -- 215 of those began working with COTA within the past year.

Several years ago, Bo spoke with a new client family at his firm and learned their preschool daughter was in need of a kidney transplant. He took a moment to share how COTA might be able to help. That young girl, Bella Cruz, is now a teenager; she is doing very well more than a decade after her life-saving transplant. And two years ago, Bo's niece and her husband learned their son would also need a kidney transplant. Kiran Gorantla received his kidney from a living donor more than two years ago. Kiran is doing very well and "is a normal five-year-old enjoying life as he should," according to Bo.

In addition to his long tenure serving on COTA's Board of Directors, Bo advises several not-for-profit organizations. "Serving on COTA's Board and having experienced what COTA does at a high level is impactful, but seeing what it REALLY does on a daily basis with our families is eye-opening," Bo said. "COTA is the trusted leader supporting families, and I have witnessed this twice in a very personal way. It is a pleasure to be part of an organization that truly puts transplant families' needs first."



Kiran Gorantla
COTA Kid since 2021



Bella Cruz
COTA Kid since 2013

COTA MIRACLE MAKERS IN ACTION

Year in Review

COTA is grateful for the generous support of more than 24,000 contributors this past year. These contributors, COTA Miracle Makers, assist the Children's Organ Transplant Association to ensure transplant-needy patients receive support for a lifetime. All contributors are listed at COTA.org.

To receive a list of those who made gifts between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, please call COTA at **800.366.2682** or email a request to **cota@cota.org**.



Greta Zilch
COTA Kid since 2020

Each year, thousands of COTA Miracle Makers give hope to transplant families nationwide.

In 2024-2025:

MORE THAN
$5 MILLON
RAISED

215 new COTA patients
Nearly **24,000** contributors
136 patients transplanted

$3,901,482 allocated to assist
971 COTA families with
transplant-related expenses

$1,443,548 medical
$2,457,934 non-medical

The Leonard Kleinman Legacy Society

The Leonard Kleinman Legacy Society was established to recognize forward-thinking individuals who have remembered the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) in their estate plans.

JoEllen Baldwin
Jean Berger Estate
Thomas and Tammie Burns
Philip Joseph Canciglia +
Tim and Cheri DeBruicker
Tammy Douglas
Patricia Dudas
Roberta Edrington Estate
Carol Evans
Michael Fletcher
T. Michael Ford
Ron and Pat Formella
Herman Gans
Jerry and Anne Gleim
Louise Kaiser Estate
Dr. Leonard Kleinman +
Harry J. Krokus Jr Estate
William Laggren Estate
Jim and Sereta Leiter
Douglas Lippert
Rick and Lisa Lofgren
Kathleen and Doug McNeely
Anne Monahan Estate
Tony Paganelli and Dawn Shea
James Pyle Estate
Rex and Ronna Rice
David and Judy Rubin Estate
Audrey M. Shanahan +
Janice Stafford Estate
Dr. Mirian Taddei +
Deborah Sigrid Taylor
Don and Rebecca Wampler
Bill Weary Estate

+ Deceased

COTA MIRACLE MAKERS IN ACTION

The American Legion

For nearly 40 years, The American Legion Family has raised more than $2.5 million to help COTA kids across the nation. The American Legion Family includes members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of the American Legion and The American Legion Riders. Exemplifying this long-standing commitment, The American Legion Family helps COTA ensure that no child, teen, or young adult is denied a life-saving transplant due to a financial barrier.

At local, state, and national meetings, we share information with members of The American Legion Family about how COTA assists families in their communities who are facing lengthy and costly transplant journeys. We are honored that the Commander of the SAL Detachment of Arizona (Mike Bryant) and the Commanders of The American Legion Departments of Florida (Chris Hamrick), New Jersey (Andy Jackson) and New Hampshire (Bob St. Pierre) selected COTA as their projects this past year. Several other Departments and Detachments have also joined in and helped COTA Kids in their respective states this year.



At a special event during The American Legion National Convention, COTA's President Rick Lofgren thanked four Commanders for leading successful COTA fundraising efforts in their states.



The advocacy and support of these generous Miracle Makers has a direct impact on COTA families in their states. Every dollar generated by The American Legion Family helps transplant kids within the state where the funds were raised. COTA is extremely grateful that hundreds of COTA kids have benefited as a result of this incredible generosity over the years.



Kennedy & Caden Dorfman

COTA Family since 2021

"Right from the start when we opened the first bill after Kennedy's liver transplant and saw the actual itemized costs, we realized very quickly how much we needed COTA. Once you start seeing the actual costs of everything, you truly understand the huge burden COTA takes off your very full plate. COTA makes it all so easy and streamlined, which has been reassuring to us since day one. Why do we love COTA? Our Peace of Mind today … and the kids' Peace of Mind in the future. It is a huge gift for which we are eternally grateful."

Eric and Aly Dorfman
Parents of Kennedy and Caden



"In addition to how well Ethan has done 13 years post heart transplant, it is a huge relief knowing COTA funds raised in his honor are there for a lifetime. Sometimes there is a sense of dread or fear when we have to face tremendous hurdles to get the drugs our transplant team prescribes. We sometimes panic and think, 'How much is this going to cost?' Simply knowing we have COTA helps us breathe easier, focus less on the financial aspects of Ethan's transplant and concentrate on his future."

Lauren and Jake Osterman
Parents of Ethan

COTA MIRACLE MAKERS IN ACTION

Isabel's Impact

The inaugural Isabel's Impact Golf Tournament was held in Rochester, Minnesota, in August 2025 and raised nearly $100,000 for transplant-related expenses. The golf tournament was held in honor of Isabel 'Isa' Humphrey. Her parents, Janelle Santos and Matt Humphrey, want to ensure her legacy lives on through Isabel's Impact, which raised more than $200,000 in the first year it was launched to help COTA kids.

Isabel Santos was born in April 2024 and her parents remember, "From the moment she arrived, she filled our hearts with joy." At just three months old, Isa was admitted to the hospital for a feeding tube placement. After a successful procedure, routine imaging revealed something no parent ever expects to heart … the baby would need a heart transplant. Isa passed away due to complications on July 31, 2024. She became one of the youngest organ donors in Mayo Clinic's history.

Janelle and Matt knew they needed to do even more to help transplant families after their baby's death. "Not only does Isabel's Impact help COTA families whose kids need an organ transplant, it helps our family deal with our grief," they said. "COTA does not just help with the medical expenses, but life expenses. Working with COTA, we can ease the burden for transplant families and keep Isa's memory alive in a very meaningful way."



COTA MIRACLE MAKERS IN ACTION

Hunter Contracting

COTA Miracle Makers help us provide assistance to transplant families through their generous gifts and selfless hours of volunteer service. Each year, new individuals, companies and foundations become Miracle Makers for the first time. But there are many Miracle Makers who have supported COTA's efforts for decades. One of those is Hunter Contracting Company.

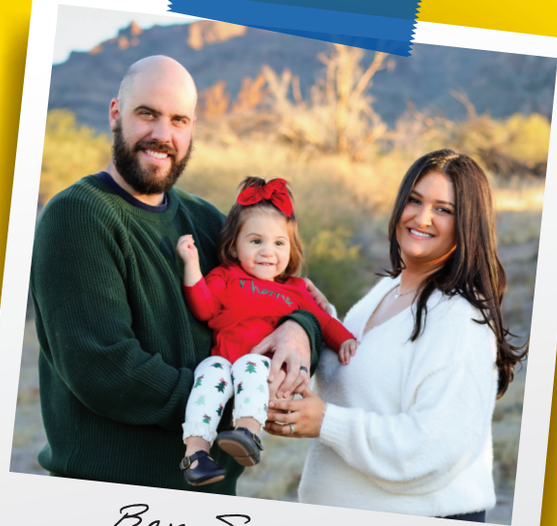


Hunter Contracting's founders Dr. Mirian and Armando Taddei began supporting COTA's mission in 1993 when the young son of one of their employees became very ill. The Sornsin family learned a virus had attacked Ben's liver, and a transplant was his only chance of survival. Hunter Contracting immediately began to help by organizing a golf outing. That outing was the first of more than 30 annual events that have generated funds for COTA.

In total Hunter Contracting has raised more than $700,000 for COTA. Before her passing in 2017, Dr. Taddei shared this, "Nationwide COTA community campaign volunteers are truly undertaking a life-saving effort. All of us working together – volunteers, family members and Miracle Makers – are saving lives and we are all able to rejoice when we hear a child's life was saved." For 32 years, Hunter Contracting has given hope to COTA families throughout Arizona, starting with the Sornsin family.

"I remember the day in January 1993 when I called COTA from our baby's bedside at UCLA Medical Center, nearly 400 miles from our home. We did not have the $450,000 we were told our baby's surgery would cost. When the COTA person on the other end of the line told me not to worry, that was all I needed to hear. Today, more than 30 years later with COTA still by our side, Ben and his family do not have to worry about transplant-related expenses. COTA is a gift to Ben today as he and his wife are raising their family … just as it was to my husband and I decades ago when we were raising ours."

Jodi Sornsin
Mom of Ben



Ben Sornsin
COTA Patient since 1993

MIRACLE MAKERS IN ACTION

New Board Members

COTA has welcomed four new members to its Board of Directors. COTA Board Chair Tony Paganelli shared this, "As we celebrate 40 years of leadership and support for transplant families, COTA is extremely fortunate to have such a strong group of new members joining the Board of Directors. Their personal experiences, passion, and unwavering commitment to our mission will help to elevate our organization in the anniversary year – and beyond – and inspire their fellow Board members. They exemplify the best in nonprofit leadership, and we are grateful for their service and dedication."



Nick Leibold, MBA serves as CFO and Executive Director of Hoxworth, the nation's oldest independent blood center. Nick leads all business and operating functions, driving financial turnaround and strategic growth in a newly created leadership role. Previously, Nick served as co-CEO of a pharmaceutical distributor, as well as leading the acquisition and successful exit of a global biobank. *"I am serving on the board because I am deeply committed to supporting children and families facing the overwhelming challenges of organ transplantation. COTA's mission to ensure that no child is denied a life-saving transplant due to financial barriers aligns with my core values, and I am honored to contribute to an organization that brings hope, resources, and community to those in critical need."*



Macey Levan, JD, PhD joined the COTA Board of Directors in June 2025. Macey noted, *"I joined the COTA Board of Directors because I believe every child waiting for an organ or tissue transplant deserves more than hope …they deserve a future. COTA empowers transplant families during their most vulnerable moments, and I wanted to be part of that promise COTA makes."* Macey is an organ donor (to her cousin) and is the Director of Policy and External Affairs at NYU Langone Health Transplant Institute in New York City. She is also an Associate Professor of Surgery and Population Health at New York University's Grossman School of Medicine. Currently, Macey serves as the Director of the Center for Surgical and Transplant Applied Research Qualitative Core.



Crystal Neil, CFP joined the COTA Board of Directors in July 2025, and is a Financial Advisor at Edward Jones. *"I was taught to value people, hard work and the importance of moral fiber. I originally wanted to be a pediatrician, but it eventually became clear that there was a different path God planned for me, and I can see with COTA's work how they make an impact on kids and families,*

and as a mom I want to help in that mission." Crystal and her family reside in Greenwood, Indiana, and she is active coaching and serving on the board of sports clubs.



Chella Tedrow, MSW rejoined the COTA Board in February of 2025 after previously serving on both the board and the President's Advisory Council. *"I have worked as a medical social worker in a hospital for 29 years, 11 of those years in renal transplant. During this time, I learned about COTA. I was on the board for almost nine years. I kept in contact with COTA after my time serving and now returning to renal transplant it is a great privilege to return to the COTA Board,"* noted Chella. *"I see the many needs of transplant recipients throughout their transplant journey and greatly appreciate the many ways that COTA fills the gaps and eases the needs and stress during it difficult time."* Chella and her husband reside in Westfield, Indiana, and she work at Ascension/St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

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COTA Board and President's Advisory Council Members

as of June 30, 2025

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Marc Collins
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* Denotes President's Advisory Council Member
\+ Denotes Non-Voting Ex Officio Board Member
\# Retired June 30, 2025

Arlene Macdonald, PhD, Deceased July 2025

YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025

COTA Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Cash & cash equivalents	$ 180,927
Interest receivable	346,009
Pledges and grants receivable	95,104
Prepaid & other assets	95,965
Investments	43,949,252
Property & equipment, net	437,685
	$ 45,104,942

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	$ 148,365
Deferred revenue	26,917
Line of credit payable	-
Note payable	11,371
	186,653
Net Assets	
Without donor restrictions	(21,952)
Without donor restrictions, board designated	2,513,052
Total without donor restrictions	2,491,100
With donor restrictions	42,427,189
	44,918,289
	$ 45,104,942

If you would like a copy of our 2024-2025 audited financial statements, please contact our office at 800.366.2682.

Statement of Activities

	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Contributions	$ 539,695	$ 4,300,415	$ 4,840,110
In-kind contributions	29,941	-	29,941
Other fundraising income	194,975	-	194,975
Interest and dividend income (net of investment expenses of $167,298)	1,909,700	7,763	1,917,463
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	785,033	66,716	851,749
Lease and other income	141,481	-	141,481
Releases from restrictions	3,963,259	(3,963,259)	-
Total revenue	7,564,084	411,635	7,975,719
EXPENSES			
Patient campaign program	5,612,582	-	5,612,582
Management and general	829,544	-	829,544
Fundraising	625,048	-	625,048
Total expenses	7,067,174	-	7,067,174
Changes in net assets	496,910	411,635	908,545
Net assets, beginning of year	1,994,190	42,015,554	44,009,744
Net assets, end of year	$ 2,491,100	$ 42,427,189	$ 44,918,289

Statement of Functional Expenses

	PATIENT CAMPAIGN	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	FUNDRAISING	TOTAL
Salaries and wages	$ 965,390	$ 432,762	$ 266,314	$ 1,664,466
Payroll taxes	66,653	29,879	18,387	114,919
Employee benefits	219,120	103,632	60,441	383,193
Professional services and fees	148,117	133,451	64,758	346,326
Transplant patient-related expenses	3,963,259	-	-	3,963,259
Travel	68,367	32,916	34,120	135,403
Certification fees	18,094	-	-	18,094
Advertising	63,462	1,070	27,094	91,626
Utilities	4,778	2,143	1,318	8,239
Insurance	7,269	3,259	2,005	12,533
Repairs and maintenance	1,978	14,350	-	16,328
Depreciation	36,995	16,584	10,205	63,784
Contracted services	-	14,918	-	14,918
In-kind expenses	29,941	-	-	29,941
Supplies and office equipment	4,638	22,668	1,093	28,399
Postage	7,954	3,343	2,258	13,555
Telephone	6,567	7,794	1,434	15,795
Miscellaneous	-	10,775	135,621	146,396
	$ 5,612,582	$ 829,544	$ 625,048	$ 7,067,174

COTA STAFF MEMBERS

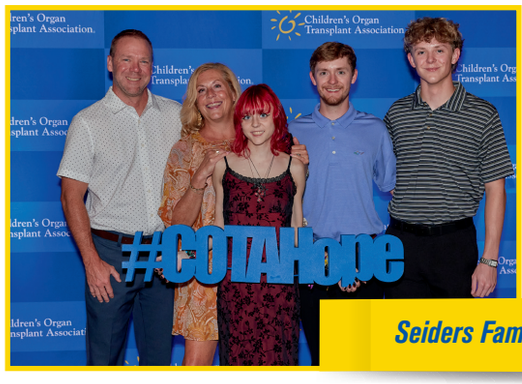
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Administrative Staff
Randi Bradley, Contributions Specialist
Lisa Fulkerson, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer #
Doug Giles, Chief Financial Officer
Rick Lofgren, President and Chief Executive Officer
Gina Riggen, Administrative Assistant

Development, Marketing and Communications Staff
Kristy Brown, Chief Development Officer
Ryan Gallagher, Executive Director of Development
Abbey Holbrook, Family Outreach Specialist
Samantha King, Campaign Specialist
Keri O'Gara, Marketing Manager
Kim Carter Parker, Director of Communications
Danielle Rabideau, Director of Campaigns
Sherry Stevens, Family Outreach Manager
Lauren Wilmer, Campaigns and Outreach Manager

Family Services Staff
Emma Bentson, Family Services Assistant Manager
Shauna Hockett, Family Services Specialist
Rebecca McCall Martin, Family Services Manager
Leslie Novak, Family Services Specialist
Whitney Stephenson, Family Services Specialist
Miranda Walker, Family Services Specialist

 # Retired June 30, 2025



Seiders Family

If your family, or a family you know, is on a transplant journey and is not currently working with COTA, we would love to help.

Please use this QR Code to learn more about how transplant families can "get started" with COTA today.

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