

DANA'S STORY OF HOPE

Dear Friends and Co-workers,

Dana Chapman of Anchorage, Alaska is awaiting a kidney transplant and desperately needs the help of family, friends and the community. Dana, a Compliance Officer with AKOSH, was diagnosed a year and a half ago with renal failure. Since that time, Dana has endured many medical complications and hospitalizations. She was also recently diagnosed with bone cancer. She had a Chondrosarcoma (malignant tumor) removed In April and another tumor was discovered in her femur July 26th. She must travel out-of-state for surgery because there are no doctor's that treat her condition in Alaska. She remains on dialysis for renal failure, 3 days a week, 5 hours each treatment, in addition to physical therapy 3 times a week because of muscle weakness due to the medications she must take. Both conditions are life threatening, the only medical options are removal of the tumor and a kidney transplant.

Dana needs to travel to California for surgery immediately, and is in need of donated hours. In addition, she is currently on the kidney transplant waiting list at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle Washington. However, even with medical insurance, many of her needs are not covered and must be paid for out-of-pocket. We anticipate substantial uninsured costs such as over the usual and customary for some medical specialists, co-payments and deductibles. In addition, because they do not offer kidney transplantation in Alaska, Dana and her donor must travel to Seattle and stay there after the operation, Dana for a month, and her donor for a week and each must have a caregiver stay with them during this time. Insurance does not pay for her donor's lodging, transportation or donor's caregiver's expenses. Fundraising is thus essential to the overall success of Dana's Struggle. This is where your help is needed.

A fundraising campaign has been established with Wells Fargo Bank in honor of Dana. Donations are tax-deductible. To make a charitable contribution:

Make checks payable to:	Dana's Kidney Transplant Fund/Acct: #8757880417
Note in the memo section:	In honor of Dana Chapman
Mail To:	Wells Fargo Bank PO Box 5629 Portland, OR. 97228-5629

If you would like to donate hours, she belongs to Local 71. Thank You