



# UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund (KOCOTF) SUNSET REVIEW

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# MISSION & VISION



The Utah Department of Health's mission is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability, and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Our vision is for Utah to be a place where *all* people can enjoy the best health possible, where *all* can live and thrive in healthy and safe communities.

**Healthiest People**– The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

**Optimize Medicaid**– Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

**A Great Organization**– The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.





## Kurt E. Oscarson Legacy



- Kurt E. Oscarson was born in Richfield, Utah in August of 1948.
- Kurt graduated from Piute High School and attended Brigham Young University to earn a B.A. in Elementary Education and a M.A. and ED.S in School Administration.
- Kurt taught in the Jordan School District, served five terms in the Utah State House of Representatives from 1987 to 1996 and was elected to a sixth term in November 1996.
- Kurt passed away from complications of Leukemia in January of 1997 at the age of 48.



## History of the Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Committee

During the 1991 Legislative Session Kurt Oscarson submitted a bill creating the Children's Organ Transplant Funds.

After the death of Kurt Oscarson and during the 1997 General Legislative Session. Senator Gene Davis proposed House Bill 258 renaming the Children's Organ Transplant Committee to the Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Committee in honor of Kurt E. Oscarson.

UCA 26-18a was amended by Chapter 286, 2010 General Session

**KURT OSCARSON CHILDREN'S ORGAN**

**TRANSPLANT COMMITTEE**

1997 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Gene Davis**

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## Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Funding

The Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund is funded totally through donations on the Utah State Income Tax Form.

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### Part 4 - Voluntary Contributions (write the code and amount of each voluntary contribution)

See explanation of each contribution at [incometax.utah.gov/contributions](http://incometax.utah.gov/contributions) and/or the TC-40 instructions

	Code	Amount	Sch Dist Code
02 Pamela Atkinson Homeless Account			
03 Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Account			
05 School District and Nonprofit School District Foundation - enter school district code See instructions for school district codes, or get codes at <a href="http://incometax.utah.gov/contributions/school-districts">incometax.utah.gov/contributions/school-districts</a>	• <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> .00	<input type="text"/>
	• <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> .00	<input type="text"/>
15 Clean Air Fund	• <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> .00	<input type="text"/>
16 Governor's Suicide Prevention Fund	• <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> .00	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total voluntary contributions</b> (enter the total here and on TC-40, page 2, line 28):		<input type="text"/> .00	



## Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Funding

- Kurt Oscarson fund is a non-lapsing restricted fund, which is funded through donations on the Utah State Income Tax Form.
- No general funds are contributed to or used for this program.
- The loan amount is determined by the Committee as well as by the availability of funds.
- Each recipient has a maximum lifetime benefit of \$10,000.
- The Committee may award a lower lifetime benefit.
- The Committee establishes the terms of repayment. Repayments begin monthly starting 24 months after the first payment from the KOCOTF has been made.
- The term of the loan is typically 60 months or 5 years.



## Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Funding

FY2020- funds collected 32K, funds expended 30K on medical bills

FY2019- funds collected 39K, funds expended 64K on medical bills

FY2018- funds collected 54K, funds expended 19K on medical bills

Note: These funds are restricted and non-lapsing. Money not spent allows the committee to take more applications and provide more loans to assist in paying medical bills.

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## Advisory Committee:

KOCOTF has an active and passionate five member committee that is committed to children's organ transplants and healthcare while also safeguarding dollars donated by Utah Citizens.

The committee consists of:

Tyler Fish, Parent Representative

Claire Hogue, PCMC Social Worker

Ann Rasmussen, Parent Representative

Barbara Robinson, PCMC Social Worker

Noël Taxin, MS/CSHCN Bureau Director



**Kaisa**

Double Liver Transplant



## Kurt Oscarson Children Organ Transplant Fund (KOCOTF)

### **Mission statement**

The Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund provides financial assistance to children under the age of 18 for initial organ transplant medical expenses through an interest-free loan.





## Eligible Transplant Types

Bone Marrow  
Combination  
Heart  
Kidney  
Liver  
Lung



Tisha



## Eligibility Requirements:

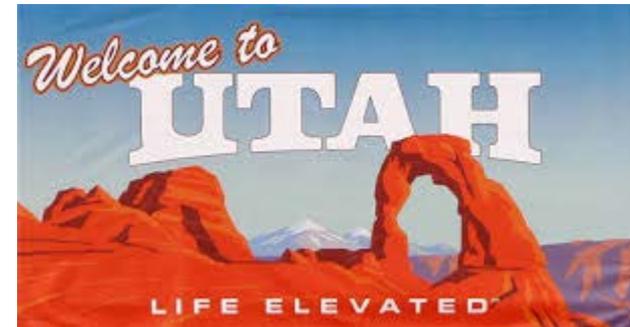
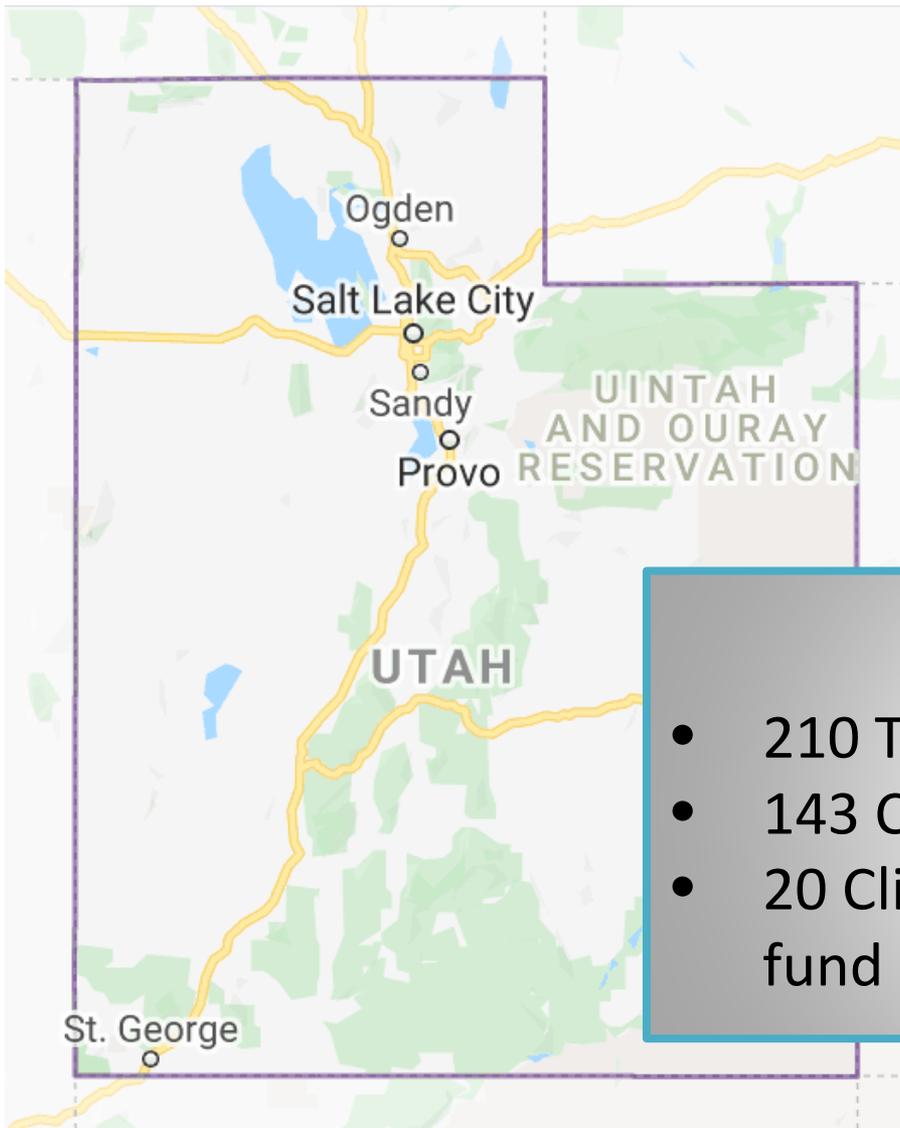
- ✓ Under age 18
- ✓ Utah Resident
- ✓ Maintains residency while utilizing the fund
- ✓ Listed for transplant or less than 2 years post-transplant

*Eligibility*

*Criteria*



# KOCOTF Recipients



## Statewide:

- 210 Total Applications
- 143 Clients have used the fund
- 20 Clients currently using the fund

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## Average age of Child at the time of application for the 20 active files:

Years of Age	Number of Applicants
Under the Age of One	3
1 – 3 Years of Age	6
3 – 5 Years of Age	2
5 – 10 Years of Age	6
10 – 15 Years of Age	3
Average Age of Applicants at Time of Application	5.5 Years of Age

There are no applicants over the age of 15 at the time of application for current active files.

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## Application Process

1. Applicant's health care provider completes and submits the Medical Questionnaire form.
2. The family submits the complete application packet including: application, personal financial responsibility form, proof of income, release of information form, and verification of application for public assistance.
3. Application packet is reviewed by the KOCOTF Committee to determine if application meets application requirements, amount of loan, financial obligation requirements and payback requirements.
4. A signed contract including repayment guidelines is obtained.
5. Upon receipt of the completed contract, qualifying transplant related expenses may be submitted for payment.



## Program Benefits

- Helping families who qualify meet initial expenses as they begin their life long journey of medical expenses associated with an organ transplant.



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## Testimonials



Dear Kurt Oscarson Children's Organ Transplant Fund Personnel:

We are truly grateful for all the Kurt Oscarson Children's Transplant fund has done for our family. The financial stress that our family was under after Beckham's transplant was overwhelming and we were literally drowning in credit card debt and it was having a significant toll on our family's wellbeing. The Kurt Oscarson loan was a breath of hope that helped our family both financially and emotionally. We are grateful for inspired leaders who had the foresight to create this program that provides a desperately needed lifeline to ordinary families such as ours in their darkest hour. We hope this fund continues for many years and helps many more families like ours.

Very Gratefully,  
The Fershtut Family.

Thank you, for all the love,  
help and money!  
We love and appreciate  
all that you have done  
for our family.  
Lexie is 5 years old and  
unstoppable!  
We are so lucky!

God Bless!!

...for brightening

Lexie  
Loree + Lexie

James + Janelle, Jenica + Savannah  
Sorenson



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**Thank You! Doesn't even Cover it!**



# THANK YOU!



**We are very grateful to the members of the legislature for having this program available and respectfully request that it be continued.**

**Stasia**

Stasia passed away in June of 2018 while using the fund