

You Are the Key to Saving Lives!



Edward Drake was playing college football and having the time of his life in college when just before his 21st birthday, he was diagnosed with end-stage Renal Disease during what was supposed to be a routine physical. His kidneys were failing. So alarmed by his blood pressure level, doctors immediately rushed him to the emergency room. Within weeks he was adjusting to the routine of dialysis and his name was added to the national organ transplant waiting list.

While waiting for a kidney transplant, Edward made the decision to help others. The pain, fear and confusion of his diagnosis, along with his passion to help kids, inspired Edward to form the YNOTT Foundation (Youth Needing Organ & Tissue Transplants). The YNOTT Foundation is dedicated to raising donor awareness, educating the youth on healthy habits and assisting youth and their families emotionally and financially. Edward said, "It is our goal to decrease the total number of deaths, yearly, of individuals in need of organ and tissue transplants nationwide, caused by lack of donors."

On October 8, 2008, Edward received the call he had been waiting for. Edward said, "I am so grateful for my second chance and for my opportunity to inspire others. I am encouraged, because with my new gift, I know, together, we can all make a difference."

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