

In October of 2024, Ohio State Highway Patrol Sergeant Andrew Geer, from the Mt. Gilead Post and also the twin brother of Lieutenant Matthew Geer from the Bowling Green Post, successfully received a kidney transplant due to being diagnosed with Alport Syndrome. Alport Syndrome is a rare inherited condition that causes kidney failure and hearing loss. Unfortunately, this genetic condition is now affecting Lieutenant Matthew Geer. In October of 2025, Matthew's health started to decline, and he has had to start receiving dialysis treatments, several times per week. While he has been receiving dialysis, his health has improved; however, he is now in need of a kidney transplant. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Matthew was officially approved to be put on the Alliance for Paired Kidney (APKD) Donation List. For anyone that wishes to be a kidney donor, the below information gives you guidance on how to do so.

You can directly contact the APKD Director of Living Donor Services, **Hillary Baude at 860-287-9544**, email [hillary.baude@paireddonation.org](mailto:hillary.baude@paireddonation.org) or visit <https://paireddonation.org/wish-upon-a-donor-patient/> to fill out the donor interest form. You can also use the QR Code on the attached flyer.

Due to the complexity of kidney donation procedures, there are many associated costs for Matthew and potential donors, that are not fully covered by health insurance. These costs include lost wages, travel expenses, dependent care and other expenses the donor and Matthew could incur. If you are able to donate funds to support this cause, Matthew and his family would be extremely grateful.

- The State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union will be directing all donations in any form into the credit union account for Matthew Geer. There are different ways to donate. If you are a member of the credit union, you may donate by calling the credit union at **1-800-282-3006** and directly transferring funds. Non-members may simply send a check payable to Matthew Geer, via postal mail to the State Highway Patrol Federal Credit Union at 1900 Polaris Parkway Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43240.
- Sergeant Ryan Purpura is working with the Bowling Green State University in coordinating a charity hockey game on March 15, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. The Detroit Police Hockey Club will be facing off against the FOP 109 Warthogs. Charity donations will be accepted at the door. Flyer attached.
- The Swanton Post is selling raffle tickets for ¼ beef worth over \$1,000.00. Tickets will be sold 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$20. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled at the charity hockey game on March 15, 2026. The beef is being donated by R and N Freezer Beef, owned by Swanton Post Trooper Rodney Bingman. Tickets can be purchased from **Trooper Bingman 419-572-0825** or **Trooper Aubrey Ziehr by Venmo @Amziehr**. Flyer attached.

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be very helpful; however, the importance of finding a kidney donor is of the highest priority for Matthew. At the minimum, please take the time to educate yourself and make a life-saving decision based on your own personal and health considerations.