



## **Brief Bio for Stephen Webster**

Stephen was born in South Dakota in 1974. At age 15 months he was diagnosed with cystinosis, a rare, genetic disease that causes among other problems kidney failure. His parents were told he would live only 8 to 10 years. A few days later they were told that Stephen would likely be a good candidate for a kidney transplant.

During the next 8 years Steve was enrolled in 2 research studies on his disease of which the second one proved a medication would help patients with this disease. But for Stephen it was too late to save his kidneys.

Steve underwent his first kidney transplant in March, 1984, at University of Minnesota. After a rejection episode and near removal of this kidney, they treated the rejection, Steve and his kidney responded, and he was sent home with the warning to expect to be back within a few months.

For the next 30 years the kidney worked well, seeing Steve move to Nashville, finish high school (Overton, 1992), graduate from Columbia State Community College, graduate from MTSU twice, and work at Pizza Hut for 25 years.

In 2013 Stephen started to reject his kidney again, and this time he lost kidney function entirely. He started dialysis in October, 2014, and has been waiting for another chance at life since then. He's on hemodialysis 3 days a week, and still works 2 ½ to 3 hours a day on the other week days. He participates in a couple bible studies among other activities.

Stephen Gregory Webster

Birthday- September 1, 1974

Blood Type- O positive

Stephen can receive for a transplant are O positive and A,O positive

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