



Dear Friends and Family,

As many of you already know, my dear daughter, Gerry Brantley, has been courageously battling end stage renal disease. Since June 2012, Gerry has been on dialysis three days per week for 4 hours a day, which is keeping her alive. Due to her declining health, she was forced to retire on January 31, 2013 and this creates financial difficulties. We are told that her only real shot at a long and healthy life is to receive a kidney/pancreas transplant as soon as possible.

Currently, Gerry is completing her medical evaluation at MUSC Health Transplant Center. However, due to the expenses related to her medical condition, as well as Gerry's inability to work, funding this life saving operation is a monumental task. Even with insurance there are many of her medical needs which are not covered and must be paid out-of-pocket. Some of these expenses are co-pays, deductibles and travel to and from the transplant center; relocation at the time of the transplant; and a life-time of anti-rejection medications after the transplant. We have also been told that Gerry will need \$5,000 before the doctors will do the transplant. This presents a challenge that Gerry and our family cannot meet alone and we desperately need your help.

To help offset her uninsured expenses, a fundraising campaign in Gerry's honor has been established with HelpHOPELive, a nonprofit organization that has been assisting the transplant community for 30 years. All contributions are **tax-deductible**, and are held by HelpHOPELive in the South-Atlantic Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Fund and are administered by HelpHOPELive for transplant related expenses only. You can help make a difference in Gerry's life. Please consider making a contribution.

**Make checks payable to:** HelpHOPELive  
**Note in Memo Section:** In honor of **Gerry Brantley**  
**Please send to:** HelpHOPELive  
2 Radnor Corporate Center  
100 Matsonford Road, Suite 100  
Radnor, PA 19087

For credit card contributions, please call 800.642.8399 or visit [helphopelive.org](http://helphopelive.org) and enter **Gerry Brantley** in the "Find a Patient: box on the home page.

On behalf of Gerry and our family we thank you for your kindness, generosity and prayers.

Best regards,

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