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Dear Harvey,

Just a note to say how much I appreciate the gift you gave our community last week through your workshop on “Having Your Donor Find YOU!” Every single one of the participants gave a glowing evaluation of your work. They gained information that was potentially lifesaving; they got to practice telling their story in a way that will maximize the likelihood of a living kidney donation; and they were encouraged and uplifted by hearing other recipients’ stories and by connecting with others who are also struggling with kidney disease and dialysis.

It is my deepest hope that efforts like ours are turning the tide of medical opinion and public awareness in terms of living kidney donation as a far superior solution to CKD than dialysis. That, after all, is the reason I wrote my book, *[Surviving Kidney Disease: True Stories of Love, Courage, Hope, and Heroism...And a Roadmap for Prevention](#)*. If we truly care about the quality of life for our patients, we have to advocate for the best possible treatment, which, for now, is a living kidney donor.

Thank you again for your work. I hope that we can present the workshop again in Santa Barbara—perhaps in Spanish next time. I also hope that we can get other patient-centered resources such as my book in the hands of more dialysis centers, transplant educators, and patients themselves.

Thank you again for all you do.

Sincerely,

Michael Fisher, MD