

#KIDNEY4BO
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BOLTON "BO" HARRIS is 55, and is originally from Little Rock, Arkansas. He has spent the last 15 years with his husband Paul in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

In 2014, he was diagnosed with type one diabetes. A few years later, in 2018, during a routine exam, his doctors found signs of early stages of lung cancer. Having caught the cancer early, he underwent surgery without the need for radiation or chemo. Due to these battles with illness, however, Bo was then diagnosed with kidney failure.

With his kidneys in stage 4 renal failure, he will need a kidney transplant in order to live. He is currently on the nationwide kidney transplant waiting list, but since this can take anywhere between 6 to 8 years to receive a match, and his husband Paul is not eligible to donate,

the two of them decided to start an online campaign to find him a living kidney donor.

Prior to this experience with illness, Bo lived a full and active life. He is a partner at his family-owned private investment company, a supporter of the local performing arts scene, a passionate world traveler, and a supporter and volunteer of Provincetown's no kill cat shelter, CASAS.

He has called on his friends and family to be his Ambassadors for his search. He sees this campaign as not only a way to find a living donor, but also as a platform to spread awareness about kidney disease for those in his community eager to learn more.

Bo lives with Paul in their home in Provincetown. Together, they father 2 cats - Oliver and Aurora, whom they adopted from People for Cats in Falmouth, MA when they were kittens. Bo and Paul are the love of each other's life. After sitting next to each other on a rerouted flight back to Boston in 1993, they fell in love. They married on May 20, 2004, the day that same-sex marriage was legalized in the United States.

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PAUL BREEN is a native Bostonian and fifteen year resident of Provincetown Massachusetts who has stayed active and engaged in community throughout his life.

Though he has spent most of his life in New England, he has also lived in the United Kingdom and Washington, DC, where he was a Page for Congressman Joseph Moakley (D - Ma.) at the United States House of Representatives. He is now a Broker with Northeast /Metro West Insurance Agency out of Provincetown.

When told that his husband Bo would need a life-saving kidney transplant to live, Paul immediately applied to be a living donor.



However, due to a health concern of his own, he was found not eligible at this time to be a living donor. This has not stopped him from being a fierce and vocal advocate for living donation and spreading awareness about kidney disease though. Together, Bo and Paul have started the Kidney4Bo campaign in the hopes of not only finding Bo a living kidney donor, but also engaging in the cause.

As a brass-tacks businessman who has experience in the political sphere, Paul set to work on the advocacy efforts of Kidney4Bo, spreading awareness about kidney disease, kidney transplants, and living organ donation. In support of Bo and the fight against this disease, he joined the National Kidney Foundation as a community advocate in May of 2020.

