

# Living Kidney Donor and Kidney Recipient Friends Release Book to Help Children Understand Kidney Transplant and Donation

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**📖 \*\*Authors Brenda E. Cortez and Jean M. Sime Release Heartfelt Addition to the Howl the Owl® Book Series: "Howl is Thankful for Kidney Donation"\*\*\***

**Franklin, Wisconsin, April 23, 2024** - Authors Brenda E. Cortez and Jean M. Sime are thrilled to announce their latest collaboration in the beloved Howl the Owl® book series with "Howl is Thankful for Kidney Donation."

This poignant children's book is not just a heartwarming story but also a valuable educational tool. It weaves a touching narrative of a hero's choice to donate a kidney, saving the life of Howl's cherished friend, Jeanie. Join Howl and his friends as they embark on a journey to find a selfless kidney donor, illustrating the importance of compassion and community. Through vibrant illustrations and engaging storytelling, the book explains complex medical concepts in an accessible and age-appropriate manner, making it a perfect resource for parents and families.

The timing of this release during National Donate Life Month and National Pediatric Transplant Week is no coincidence. Authors Brenda and Jean are not just storytellers but individuals intimately connected to the message of organ donation. Jean, a kidney recipient from her living donor Patricia, and Brenda, a living kidney donor herself, infuse their personal experiences into this touching tale, making it a testament to the power of organ donation.

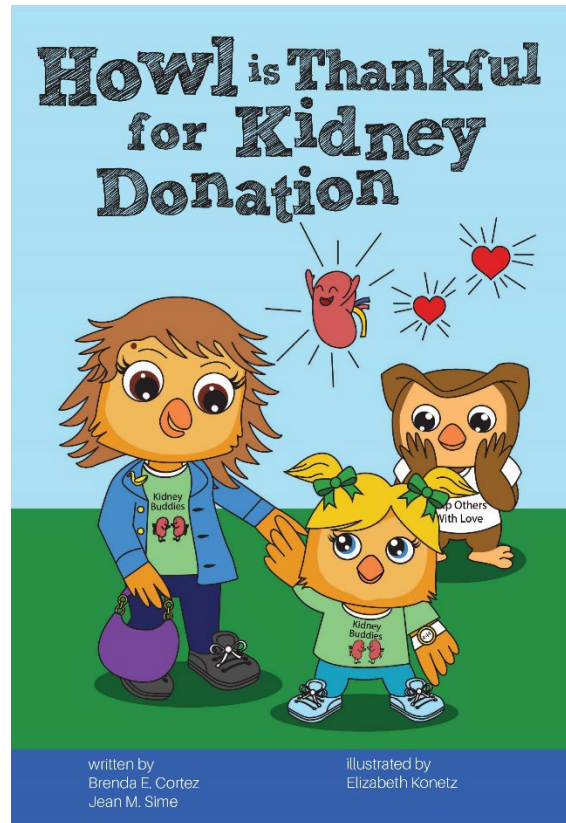
In 2023, more than 1,900 children received lifesaving transplants, matched from nearly 900 pediatric organ donors. Currently, there are more than 2,100 children on the national transplant waiting list. More than 500 children waiting for a donor organ are between 1 and 5 years old. With over 90,000 individuals in the US alone awaiting a kidney transplant, "Howl is Thankful for Kidney Donation" is not just a story but a beacon of hope. Scheduled for release in April 2024 and published by [BC Books](https://www.bcbooks.com), this project aims to educate, inspire, and bring solace to families in need.

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Howl's friend, Jeanie, is not well and needs a kidney transplant. Howl and his friends help in the search for a living kidney donor for her. A selfless and special hero has come forward to donate. Howl is excited for his friend to get better as he helps her prepare for her life-saving transplant.



Brenda E. Cortez is a living kidney donor who loves writing stories to help children and adults better understand transplants and organ donation. Brenda and Jean Sime have been promoting organ donation awareness together ever since they met following Jean's transplant!

Jean M. Sime received a kidney from her living kidney donor, Patricia, on June 25, 2019. Her gift of life has brought her many new life and career opportunities, as well as an amazing family from the transplant community. Jean is honored to partner with Brenda on this much-needed book, which will educate and give hope to those waiting for their gift of life.



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