



Renal Patient and
Donor Foundation

Peter Wechselmann Legacy Award

Outstanding Transplant Ambassador of the Year

Award Recognition

The winner of the award will receive a non-monetary award valued at \$500 and will be highlighted in a TAP News Release.

Instructions to Nominate

Before completing the nomination form, confirm that your nominee meets the eligibility and selection criteria below.

Eligibility & Selection

- Each nominee will be assessed on their individual contributions and impact.
- The nominee is currently active in TAP or was active within the past 12 months.
- Demonstrates passion for and a strong commitment to TAP.
- Reliably accepts in-person or virtual referrals.
- Consistently provides high-quality support to patients and potential donors.
- Provides follow-up support and information according to individual preferences.
- Is trusted and respected by volunteers and renal hospital staff.

Who Can Nominate

- Renal hospital staff
- Patients or potential donors supported by the Ambassador
- TAP Ambassadors or Leads

Deadlines

Nomination deadline: Monday, October 23, 2026. Submit the completed form to Michael Santavy, Chair, TAP Operations Committee, at michaels@transplantambassadors.ca.

Review & Recognition

- Nominations will be reviewed by the TAP Operations Team and one healthcare provider.
- The winner will be announced on **November 23, 2026**.
- All nominees will receive a recognition certificate.

2026 Nomination Form

Deadline, Monday, November 9, 2026

Nominee: Individual

Provide the nominee's contact information below.

Title	First Name	Last Name
Email		Cell Phone #
Hospital		City

Nominator(s): (Person or Persons Submitting the Nomination)

Provide each nominator's contact information below.

1. Nominator

Title	First Name	Last Name
Hospital or TAP Role		
Email		Cell Phone #
Hospital		City

2. Nominator

Title	First Name	Last Name
Hospital or TAP Role		
Email		Cell Phone #
Hospital		City

3. Nominator

Title	First Name	Last Name
Hospital or TAP Role		
Email		Cell Phone #
Hospital		City

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(Use additional pages if needed, including other testimonials or additional supporting documentation).

Tell Us About Your Nominee:

1. **Meeting the award criteria:** Please describe how the nominated individual demonstrates the eligibility and selection criteria outlined for this award. Provide specific examples where possible.

2. **Carrying forward Peter's legacy:** Explain how the nominated individual reflects Peter Wechselmann's example of compassionate, persistent, and inclusive service, particularly in supporting people who face barriers or need extra help advocating for themselves.

The Legacy Behind the Award

About the Award

A key goal of this award is to keep the spirit of Peter's commitment to TAP alive and thriving. It recognizes an individual Transplant Ambassador who demonstrates an exceptional standard of community service and inspires others within the TAP community to follow their example.

Remembering Peter

Before his passing in February 2026, Peter was a committed Transplant Ambassador for more than 7 years. He cared deeply about the Transplant Ambassador program and believed strongly in the grassroots work TAP does to support kidney patients struggling to advocate for themselves. He started out by visiting the clinics at the Guelph Hospital and after Covid-19, continued to support patients by phone.



Peter's dedication was evident in the care he took to stay connected with the patients he served. He kept a date book showing when to call each patient back and remained in contact with many patients for years. He accepted even the most challenging referrals, including those involving patients who did not speak English, and often found an adult child or caregiver who could translate. Peter called referrals immediately and reached most of them through persistence. He especially enjoyed speaking with Indigenous patients in Northern Ontario and wished he could have spent more time visiting them, "riding the fences," to reach people he felt were most in need of support.

Peter was a founding Board Member of the Renal Patient and Donor Foundation, a charity that would provide a permanent home for TAP. Peter's input as a retired lawyer was critical in helping to create an organization that was sustainable, flexible and able to serve the changing needs of patients and donors for decades to come.



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