

HELP SHIRA ANTONIO

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## SHIRA'S STORY

My name is Shira Antonio and I'm a 37-year old single mother to 2 wonderful children. I have End Stage Renal Disease; but my story doesn't start there.

I grew up in Williamsburg and went on to work for 11 years as a Domestic Violence Case Manager in the Bronx. That job was my 3rd baby - I loved it and gave it my absolute all.

In my 37 years of life, I have experienced love and loss like everyone else. I lost 2 great people in my life, but kept going to make them proud. In 2015, my son was born and my marriage ended. By 2017, I left my job

to spend a few months devoted solely to my children, but then my world turned upside down.

In June 2017 I noticed a drastic weight gain while not being able to hold down any food or liquid. I couldn't lift my feet on the curb; I had to walk to the ramp part of the sidewalk, I couldn't walk ONE BLOCK without stopping to catch my breath. After a kidney biopsy, I was diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome. This occurs when there is too much protein in your urine due to the filters of your kidneys not working properly.

Several years after my diagnosis, I'm sharing my story hoping that someone can match me and share 1 of their kidneys with me. I don't have eligible immediate family so I have to look outside of the box and this is where you all come into play.

I know asking for a kidney donor is EXTREME - a HUGE commitment but I have 2 babies and others who need me around and I know that we all will forever be grateful for your help.



**Please consider getting tested to see if you are able to donate!**

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