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To the Members of Plumbers, Pipefitters & Service Technicians Local 502,

We would like to inform you of a community fundraising event being held to support Jackson Popham and Mary Hopkins during their upcoming kidney transplant journey.

Mary Hopkins, wife of Richie Hopkins, a proud member of Local 502, has selflessly stepped forward to donate one of her kidneys to Jackson Popham. Her generosity and willingness to give the gift of life is truly inspiring and reflects the compassion and character that make our community strong.

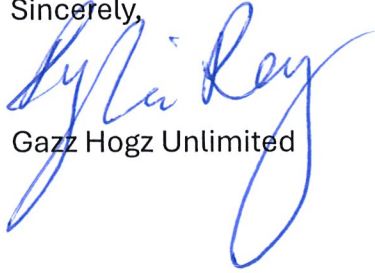
To help support both families with medical expenses, travel costs, lost wages, and recovery-related needs, we will be hosting a Cruise-In fundraiser. This event will bring together friends, family, community members, and automotive enthusiasts to raise funds and show support for Mary and Jackson during this life-changing journey.

We respectfully ask that you share this information with your membership and consider supporting this worthy cause. Any assistance, donations, or participation would be greatly appreciated and will make a meaningful difference for both families.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, Kylie Ray 270-832-6103 or Mark Hunter 502-376-1146.

Thank you for your time, support, and for standing behind one of your own during this extraordinary act of kindness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dylan Ray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dylan" and the last name "Ray" clearly distinguishable.

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The most incredible moment of his life, captured forever in a photo from a FaceTime call from someone special. It's the moment he was told he has a future. The moment he was told he is going to live. The moment he learned that a kidney donor has been found.

Mary Hopkins, we will be forever grateful for your heart, your selflessness, and your extraordinary sacrifice. It takes a truly remarkable person to do what you are doing. Compassion and generosity as profound as yours are rare gifts in this world.

When you're told that you cannot save your own child's life and must rely on the kindness of another person for him to have a chance at living, the weight of that reality is almost impossible to put into words. It is a heartbreak no parent is ever prepared for.

But Mary stepped forward with unwavering courage and a fierce willingness to help. In fact, she has told me that she feels honored to do this. That alone speaks volumes about the kind of person she is. God answered our prayers through her. She will forever be our angel and Jackson's kidney buddy, a beautiful example of love, compassion and selfless sacrifice. A forever part of our family's story.

Because of her, our son has hope. Because of her, he has a future. Because of her, he has the opportunity to grow up, chase his dreams, and live the life he deserves. We will never be able to fully express the depth of our gratitude and love for her, but we will spend the rest of our lives being thankful for the gift she is giving him and our family.

Our search for a donor began 298 days ago, on August 14th 2025. For 298 days, we prayed, hoped, trusted God, and held on to our faith. For 298 days, we searched. There were days filled with laughter, days marked by tears, and moments of heartbreak. For 298 days, we waited for our answer, for God to say "yes."

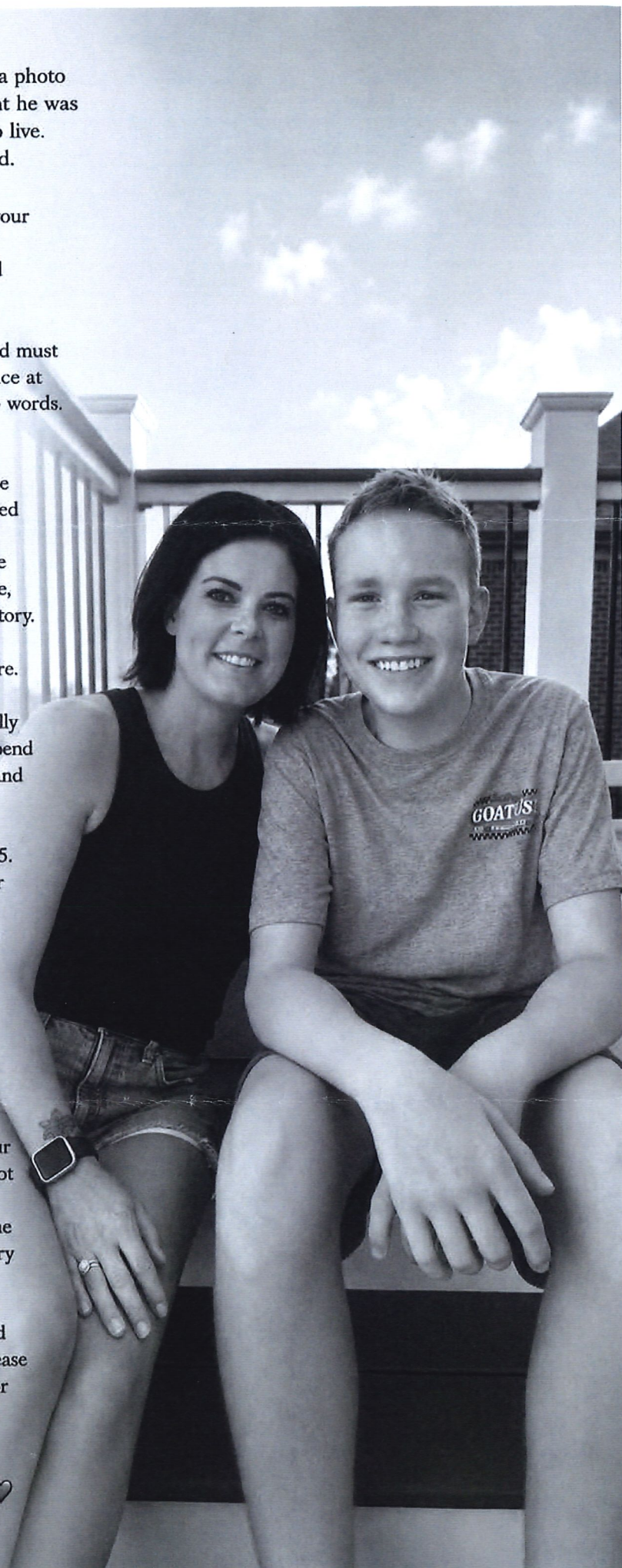
Today, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and joy to share that Jackson's kidney transplant surgery has been scheduled for

July 24, 2026.

So many of you have faithfully prayed for Jackson, encouraged our family, and walked alongside us through this journey. There are not enough words to express how thankful we are for every prayer, message, act of kindness, and show of support. During some of the most difficult moments, your love and encouragement helped carry us through what often felt like an impossible road.

As we celebrate this incredible blessing, we ask for your continued prayers for Jackson and for Mary as they prepare for surgery. Please pray for peace, strength, protection, and successful procedures for them both, as well as a smooth recovery in the days that follow.

Thank you for believing with us, praying with us, and standing beside us every step of the way. Our hearts are forever grateful. ❤️





WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR
12 YEAR OLD JACKSON POPHAM (KIDNEY RECIPIENT)
AND MARY HOPKINS (HIS DONOR)
TO HELP SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR RECOVERY

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★ SATURDAY ★
JULY 18TH
3PM



6:00

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FOR A CRUISE AROUND THE COUNTY!



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BRANDENBURG, KY 40108



ALL VEHICLES
WELCOME!
ALL AGES EVENT



CRUISE IN
STARTS AT 3PM
COME EARLY &
GRAB A GOOD SPOT!



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