



## July 2024 Newsletter

During the summer, when we are not in legislative session, there is still significant work to be done serving you. I am working on numerous study and standing committees, meeting with department heads, speaking to different organizations, etc. One of my most important jobs is constituent services which helps people solve their problems. It is my sincere pleasure to serve you. Please reach out if we can help.

Georgia continues to thrive, with Governor Kemp constantly announcing new jobs and investments touching all industries and areas within our state. We also continue to grow with an influx of new residents escaping the bad policies of other states such as California, Oregon, Washington, NY, Illinois, etc. We welcome our new Georgians and remind them not to support the policies they just escaped from and to preserve our #1 status.

### Three Years Later

On July 21st, it will be 3 years since my son Will and I walked into Emory Hospital at 5:00 am for kidney transplant surgery. Some days, it feels like it was an eternity ago, and others like it was yesterday.

Our story began in August of 2020, when Will was rushed to the hospital. We learned he was in kidney failure and almost lost him. Will was immediately put on dialysis, and the impact on both him and the family was substantial. The doctor's appointments were never-ending, he was in pain, and was surrounded by others in the same situation where there was a constant fear that he would endure this forever. The surroundings were challenging and it was difficult to remain positive.

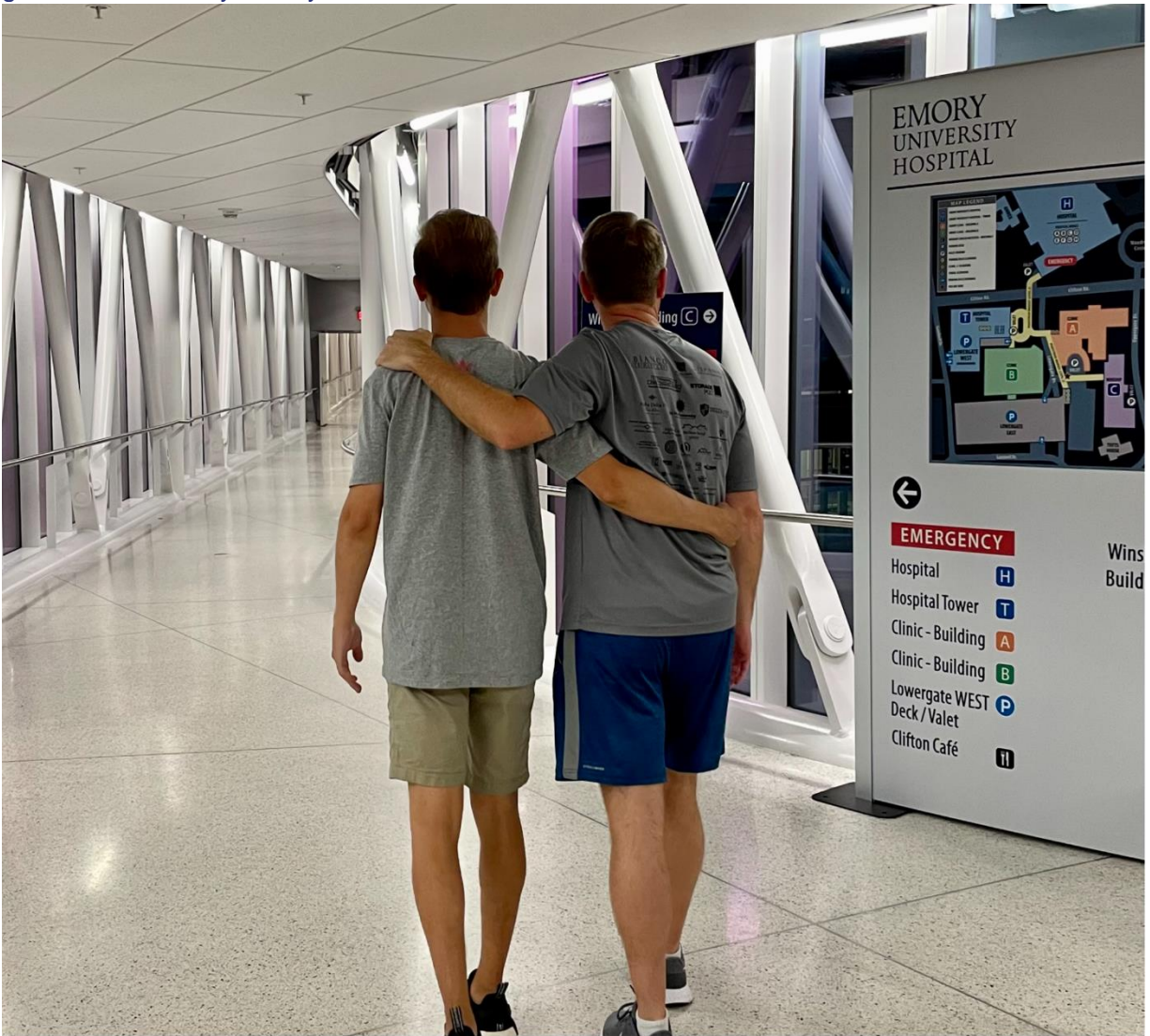
On July 1st of 2021, I received the greatest phone call of my life... I WAS THE MATCH to donate a kidney to Will! I cannot fully describe the emotions I experienced hearing from the medical team at Emory Hospital after many months of testing. We asked people to pray for Will, me, our family, and the medical staff. Millions of people worldwide read our post and offered prayers and support.

Along the way, God sent angels to help light the path ahead. We kept our situation quiet at first and felt it was important to share the story. We want to empower people to go to their doctor if they are feeling ill, understand kidney disease and get tested, support those in need, learn their family history and how to become an organ donor. We know God had a plan, and our mission is now to share our experience and serve others.

In the time since, we have successfully passed the "Giving the Gift of Life Act" in Georgia and

other states and are working on federal legislation. We have numerous initiatives underway to increase organ donation and save lives including our foundation: [www.2nd-alarm.com](http://www.2nd-alarm.com). We also work with countless wonderful organizations to solve problems, mentoring families, and paying it forward.

The outpouring of support these past three years is still overwhelming, heartwarming, and simply more than words can describe. Will and I are both doing great! We are fully healed and working tirelessly. Thank you to our worldwide prayer army. There is goodness all around us and we are grateful and healthy three years later.





## Roswell Rotary Blood Drive

Every day, hundreds of people in our community desperately need blood. The pint you donate just may be the gift of life that person needs. Please take a few minutes out of your day, or your neighbors, family members or your work associates to offer the gift of life to another person by donating a pint of blood. When you do that, you feel good about yourself, and you get a "Pint for a Pint".

Coastal Bar & Grill

Wednesday, July 17th 8:00am - 1:00pm

Sign up through the QR Code

## Georgia Jobs

The rate of employment in Georgia continues to thrive. While other states on the West Coast and Northeast continue to suffer from out-of-control taxes, regulations, and crime, we are doing the exact opposite in Georgia.

We continue to lower taxes, support our job creators, and ultimately families. As your Senator, I will continue to help assure we stay the #1 place to live, work, play, and raise a family.



## Budget Update

July 1st begins the new fiscal year for the state of Georgia. We have enjoyed a record surplus for years due to conservative budgeting and being the #1 place for business. This has allowed us to return money back to taxpayers where it belongs, make historic investments in infrastructure, education, etc. and lower taxes.



On July 4th, we will celebrate the 248th anniversary of the Independence of America. This day in history began the rise of the greatest nation on earth bringing liberty and freedom along with a beacon of light to the world. The 56 men who signed the Declaration sacrificed everything including three from Georgia: Georgia Walton, Lyman Hall, and Button Gwinnett. From the Albers family to your family, Happy Independence Day!

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