

**DONOR TRIBUTE – POEMS READ AT NATIONAL TRANSPLANT GAMES**

**National Transplant Games 2016 – Poem read at Opening Ceremony by Bidy Roux**

**GIVING**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN ANGELS?

I DO

HOWEVER STRANGE IT MAY SEEM

I'LL SHARE A STORY WITH YOU

A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL CAME TO ME ONE NIGHT

AND GAVE ME A MESSAGE

I WAS CALM, I DIDN'T GET A FRIGHT

BUT I WAS PERPLEXED AND CONFUSED

THIS WAS SOMETHING I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

SHE SHOWED ME SOMETHING IN HER HAND

IT WAS A SMALL LEATHER POUCH

I KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT

I HAD TO GIVE SOMEONE SOMETHING

SOMEONE CLOSE TO ME

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

AT THAT TIME I DIDN'T SEE

'GIVE THIS TO HIM' SHE TOLD ME

SOME TIME WENT BY

AND SOMEONE CLOSE TO ME

MY HUSBAND/MY PARTNER/MY SOULMATE

DID INDEED BECOME SICKLY

I BELIEVED HE WOULD DIE

I COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I KNEW I COULD HELP

I COULD OFFER SOMETHING OF ME

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

SOMETHING FREE

- WE MATCHED!

AFTER ALL THIS WAS DONE  
AND AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION  
I REALISED THAT BACK THEN  
I HAD BEEN NUDGED BY DIVINE INTERVENTION  
THEN IT DAWNED ON ME  
THAT LEATHER POUCH WAS AN ACTUAL KIDNEY  
THEREFORE NEVER DOUBT THAT THERE ARE ANGELS ABOUT  
YOU MAY BE BLESSED TOO WITH A MESSAGE FROM AN ANGEL  
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF GIVING  
IT COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE FROM DYING TO LIVING  
I WAS GIVEN A GIFT, THE GIFT OF GIVING  
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**National Transplant Games 2014 – Poem read at Opening Ceremony by Merrick Southworth**

This is my tribute to all the donors and to Kyles donor little Jade and her brave selfless mom and dad.

The 26th of September,  
A day I'll always remember.  
My child bleeds close to dying,  
This day I'd end crying.  
Tears of joy and relief,  
With renewed hope and belief.  
In a future with my son,  
Kyle....the lucky one.

The 26th of September,  
A day she'll always remember.  
Her child lies dying,  
Next to her bed she's crying.  
Letting go saying goodbye,  
Allowing her to die.  
She saved 4 lives that day,

Gave her own in a selfless way.

The 26th of September,

We'll both remember.

Two moms united,

One gained one forever blighted.

A single child remains,

A donor organ he sustains.

The ultimate gift made,

Thank you Angel Jade.

The 26th of September,

Always remember.

Two sides,

And very long rides.

One mended.....

One ended.....

Life will never be the same,

Her life was not in vain.