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**TEAM AT TEXAS TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE PERFORMS
LIVE DONOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT FOR HOUSTON AREA RESIDENT
WHO RECEIVED ORGAN THROUGH NATIONAL PLEA FOR HELP**

Chicagoan Donates Kidney after Seeing CNN Story

When Cyril "Butch" Morgan of Lake Conroe, Texas, needed a kidney, he made a personal plea for a live organ donor through a billboard in Houston and a Web site. His efforts began in November 2006.

Morgan has been a diabetic for the past 30 years. He also has high blood pressure and has suffered two heart attacks since 1998. Prior to his transplant, Morgan had four sessions of peritoneal dialysis each day, which he administered to himself. Without the dialysis, he was told he had only three or four months to live.

In May 2007, CNN aired a story about his efforts, generating calls and e-mails from many willing potential donors. Thomas Riordan of Chicago saw the CNN story and called Morgan. They became friends through phone calls and e-mail messages. In September 2007 Riordan went through the transplant protocols at Texas Transplant Institute, the transplant program at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in San Antonio and in October was cleared for the transplant. Morgan and Riordan met fact-to-face for the first time at the hospital on January 22, 2008 and the kidney transplant was performed the next day.