I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kerri McCaughey. I have been employed at the RI Dept. of Corrections for the past 20 years. It is at the Dept. of Corrections where I first met Stephen Boyd. Our paths crossed many times in our respective roles over the years. After Stephen retired, we stayed in touch and over the last few years he has become an extremely important and special part of my life. When he was diagnosed with FSGF the search for an effective course of treatment began. Ultimately he would learn he would need a kidney transplant to survive. Upon hearing this news I immediately reached out to the Brigham and Woman’s Living Donor Program. Without hesitation I began the journey as a potential kidney donor candidate for Stephen. I discovered I was not a blood match for him so I shifted my focus on the Paired Exchange Program a link he references on his web page. The medical team I worked with were nothing short of amazing. They were readily available to answer all my questions, take me through each step of the process with compassion, enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge. Their caring and genuine support was paramount. I have been an organ donor my whole life but I never thought I would potentially become a living donor to help save someone’s life that I love. Ultimately I discovered I was not a viable donor. Although extremely disappointed, the journey itself changed my life. My focus has now shifted to being an integral part of Stephen’s support system. I strongly encourage you to share his kidney campaign web page with your family, friends and co-workers. But more importantly to give serious consideration to giving the gift of life.. One of the many things I learned throughout this journey is that in life you may be one person, but to one person you may be life..... Thank you for taking the time to read my testimonial....