



THE GIFT OF 'GIVING FISH' RESONATED THROUGH
THE PALM BEACH COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

“A Woman’s Journey” unites renowned John Hopkins physicians and faculty to learn the latest
medical breakthroughs

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (January 25, 2010) – Silence, laughter and cheers flooded the ballroom as donors, recipients, and woman on organ waiting lists watched and listened to keynote speaker Pamela Paulk describe the journey that led her to save the lives of strangers. Paulk, whom is the Vice President at John Hopkins, was a part of the historic eight way domino kidney transplant which included 10 women and 6 men.

Her story began when she witnessed a kidney transplant – life from one given to another. She made a pledge right then and there that she would do the same for someone else and she did just that for Robert, her friend and co-worker, whom told her that he needed a kidney. Without any doubt she saw her calling right in front of her. Due to incompatible blood or tissue type, the process took a slight turn but resulted in the largest domino kidney swap ever accomplished.

Paulk’s charisma and comical style outpoured onto every listening ear. She shared a moment with her surgeon. The night before the surgery she was reassured from Dr. Montgomery that everything will be fine in an email which stated, “..... I will protect your gift.” What compels one to give such a grand gift? – The Gift of Life.

She ended her all inspiring story by reflecting upon her father’s life; always generous and full of joy. When she was younger he would go fishing and stopped by a woman’s house and gave her fish. The woman never asked for the fish. Her dad explained that he just knew she needed it. Paulk’s message was simply this: “...bringing more attention and awareness to the need for kidney donors...and to show that ordinary people can be donors.”

To read more about Pamela Paulk journey please visit PamelaDonates.blogspot.com. For more information about “A Woman’s Journey” visit hopkinsmedicine.org/awomansjourney.

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