**Speaker Biographies**

**Rebecca Bathon MSW, LCSW**  
Social Worker for lung transplant  
Barnes Jewish Hospital  
St. Louis, MO

Rebecca Bathon received her master’s degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis. She has worked in medical social work with chronic illness for her professional career currently serving as the Clinical Social Worker for the Lung Transplant Program at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine. Rebecca has presented abstracts at the Annual North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference on reproductive decision making, transition to transplant, psychosocial issues in nutrition and multidisciplinary end of life care and at the Solid Organ Transplant Course on the Role of Social Work in Transplantation. Since 1998, she has served as a national trainer for a Center for Mental Health Studies funded program with the National Association of Social Workers training social workers in ethics. Rebecca serves as the co-chair for Barnes-Jewish Hospital’s Ethic’s Consult Committee and is a lead for the consult service. She completed the Ethic’s Practicum in 2015 and has been a clinical social worker at Barnes-Jewish Hospital 19 years.

**Kay Kendall, MSW, LISW-S, CCTSW**  
Social Worker, Heart Transplant  
Mechanical Circulatory Support Team  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland, OH

Kay has worked as a transplant social worker for 30 years. She has published articles, a book, book chapters about transplant, the psychosocial assessment and quality of life pre and post-transplant. She has presented at both national and international conferences about psychosocial aspects of heart transplant and mechanical circulatory support. She was recently one of 6 leaders involved with the publication of the ISHLT Consensus Document: The 2018 ISHLT/APM/AST/ICCAC/STSW Recommendations for the Psychosocial evaluation of adult cardiothoracic transplant candidates and candidates for long-term mechanical circulatory support. She has been a member of the Society for Transplant Social Workers for 25 years and has served as a board member for 23 of those years.
Blair Sahlstrom, MSW, LMSW
Social Worker for kidney, liver, pancreas transplant and living donors
Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute
Memphis, TN

Blair Sahlstrom received her master’s degree in social work with concentration on health and mental health and specialization in gerontology from Saint Louis University. She completed her graduate school practicum at Barnes-Jewish Hospital on the Lung Transplant Service. Her passion for organ donation and transplantation only grew from there. She moved to Memphis and began working for the organ procurement organization as a family care coordinator, offering families the option of organ and tissue donation at the time of their loved one’s death as well as providing education and hospital development promoting donation within hospitals in the Mid-South. She is a Licensed Master Social Worker in Tennessee and a member of the Society of Transplant Social Workers. Blair currently works as a transplant social worker with kidney, pancreas, and liver transplant recipients for Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute in Memphis.