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## **OCT 5-6 YARD SALE WILL HELP WINCHESTER MAN WHO NEEDS KIDNEY TRANSPLANT**

**WINCHESTER, Va.**—On Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6, a yard sale at 555 Smithfield Avenue will help to raise funds in honor of a Winchester man fighting for his life. The sale will include a wide selection of great items to support a good cause.

At just 45 years old, Winchester resident [Carlton Acklin](#) is dealing with more medical issues than most people experience even well into their retirement. The gift of a transplanted kidney supported Carlton's health for a decade, but in November 2013, the kidney began to fail. Today, he is reliant on daily dialysis at home to stay alive as he awaits a second kidney transplant. Family members call him "a very kind and helpful man" who loves to entertain the children in his neighborhood with seasonal events and "Bubble Days."

"The machine helps to keep him alive," explains his mother, "but it robs him of time to do anything but read, watch television, or listen to music." Despite the exhausting and often painful effects of dialysis, Carlton works part-time five days per week to make ends meet. He and his family are fundraising with the nonprofit Help Hope Live to help with out-of-pocket transplant costs, which could top \$14,000.

Proceeds from the October 5-6 Yard Sale on Smithfield Avenue will benefit the nonprofit Help Hope Live in honor of Carlton Acklin. Can't make it? Donate online at any time by visiting [helphopelive.org](http://helphopelive.org) or call 800.642.8399. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and all funds raised will be used to offset medical expenses via Help Hope Live's South-Atlantic Transplant Fund.

Help Hope Live is a national nonprofit that specializes in engaging communities in fundraising campaigns for people who need a transplant or are affected by a catastrophic injury or illness. Since 1983, campaigns organized by Help Hope Live have raised over \$131 million to pay patient expenses.

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