



World Transplant Games Circular

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### Are you coming to our place?



**29 countries have already registered for the Games! Over 550 people have registered so far but don't forget registration closes on June 15, 2009. Please note there may be an early deadline for your country team. Make sure you contact your Team Manager in regards to being part of your team.**

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### Updated Schedule

Check the website for the latest sporting schedule, noting the athletics venue has been changed to the Gold Coast International Athletic Centre. Just for some info, this is the home of Australian silver medal winner at the Beijing Olympics, Sally McLennanin, so it is a winning track!

Please note that the Beach Volleyball time has changed to 1pm to 5.30pm, August 25.

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### Accommodation

Please remember that when you register for the Games your chosen accommodation is for you as the registered person. You can only register for a Family Room if your family are also registered, as the Games village is for registered participants only.

We will work with your Team Manager to ensure that all accommodation needs are met, and that all rooms and bedding available for your team is being used. Please talk to your Team Manager if you have any questions relating to accommodation.

## She Doesn't Need Drugs to Qualify

Nestled in the quiet city of Pittsburgh is the world's hub of transplantation. Legendary to the transplant community for its medical brilliance and history, the Pittsburgh Transplant Unit is renowned as the place for unlikely second chances and triumphant stories worldwide.

One of these stories is Trine Brady. In 1984 the two-year-old dual citizen of Norway and the USA became one of the first children in the world to successfully receive a liver transplant. Transplant pioneer Dr. Thomas Starzl watched with delight as baby Trine accepted the organ almost naturally, sparing her the cocktail of drugs customary for transplant recipients. Trine headlined news internationally - a living hypothesis gave new hope and Trine grew steady and strong in her health with minimal drugs.

22 years later Trine's transplant history is splattered with colourful highlights from the transplant games, documented by her bounty of 29 USA Transplant Games medals, 4 Australian, and 1 World Games medal from the 1997 World Games in Sydney.

Establishing her strength as a swimmer she is quite the games veteran having competed in every USA Games since 1992. Spreading her wings to Oz in 1995, she helped Transplant Australia secure the bid for the 2009 World Games on the Gold Coast this year and took home four of our games medals!

Every transplant games gathers people for the same reason, and there is a moment which many dream of – that chance to meet your donor family or the recipient of your loved one's gift. In July 2008 at the USA Games back in historic Pittsburgh, Trine's transplant journey to find her donor family ended where it began. Embraced in an emotional reunion amongst the comfort and support of thousands of individuals who have experience similar situations, Trine met her donor family.

The World Games will unite all nationalities in celebration of the gift of life and health, and we can't wait to celebrate with you all at this momentous event.

Donor Mother Alicia Delapp and Trine Brady



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