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Hi all,

I wanted to let you know that the workshop on Monday on Having Your Donor Find You was a success! There were 27 participants (our goal was 25-30) including two living donors, two transplant recipients, transplant candidates and their loved ones, a dialysis social worker in Vermont, and someone with ESRD who now plans to request to be evaluated at Tufts for transplant.

Harvey was very effective at captivating the attention of the group because he had been in their same position, having a history of kidney disease and having gone through two living donor transplants himself.

The first half of the workshop was spent reviewing the details of transplant and living donation, with the idea that knowledge will build confidence and agency in the goal of getting transplanted.

The second half of the workshop focused on how one can share their story with others so that they are not asking for someone to donate to them, but rather getting the information out there so that willing and interested donors may come forward. I think this approach helps reduce the likelihood of someone feeling pressure or coercion to donate.

A particularly effective aspect of Harvey's workshop was his use of small groups, so that attendees could get to know one another, support one another along their health journey, and practice how they might share their story with others.

I got the sense that attendees were empowered and energized by the end of the workshop, which was wonderful to see.

The donors and recipients who attended are interested in being involved in future workshops, and Harvey is happy to provide additional training for them if we are interested in having them lead future workshops.

Attached are two photos and a summary of the evaluation feedback.

I want to send a big thank you to all of the Tufts team members who helped make this happen, and a very big thank you to Harvey for giving this workshop!!

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