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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Nick's Picks is a 501c3 charity established by liver transplant recipient Nick Wallace in 2012. It exists to support hospitalized children with serious, chronic illnesses and isolation.

The charity's focus is to provide backpacks loaded with the items Nick found most useful, fun and comforting to children hospitalized and often living in isolation - in an effort to raise their spirits and keep them engaged through activities. Through our efforts we also hope to offer a sense of comfort and support to these children and their families.

Our greatest hope is to create an epidemic of compassion, inspiring others to make a difference in the world around them, through caring, and assistance to young community members in need.

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A Tribute To Dr. Thomas E. Starzl

Father of Transplantation



Dr. Thomas Starzl overseeing the amazing transplant team

My life changed in 2013 when I met Dr. Thomas E. Starzl. Dr. Starzl performed the first successful liver transplant at the University of Colorado in 1967. He spent the rest of his life saving lives, like mine.

When I met Dr. Starzl I discovered that not only was he a great surgeon and a gifted researcher, but one of the nicest most caring people I had ever met. He became a friend and an idol.

Dr. Starzl passed away on March 4, 2017. It was a sad day for all whose lives he had touched, both personally and as a physician. Dr. Starzl leaves behind amazing legacy of discovery.

Thomas Starzl was so many things to so many people. He was a pioneer, a legend, a great human, and a great humanitarian. With determination and irresistible resolve, Thomas Starzl advanced medicine through his intuition and uncanny insight into both the technical and human aspects of even the most challenging problems.

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Dr. Starzl, Nick Wallace and Lexie Wallace at the University Of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA-2013

Even more extraordinary was his ability to gift that capacity to those around him, allowing his students and colleagues to discover the right stuff within themselves. Nobody who spent time with Thomas Starzl could remain unaffected. Including me!

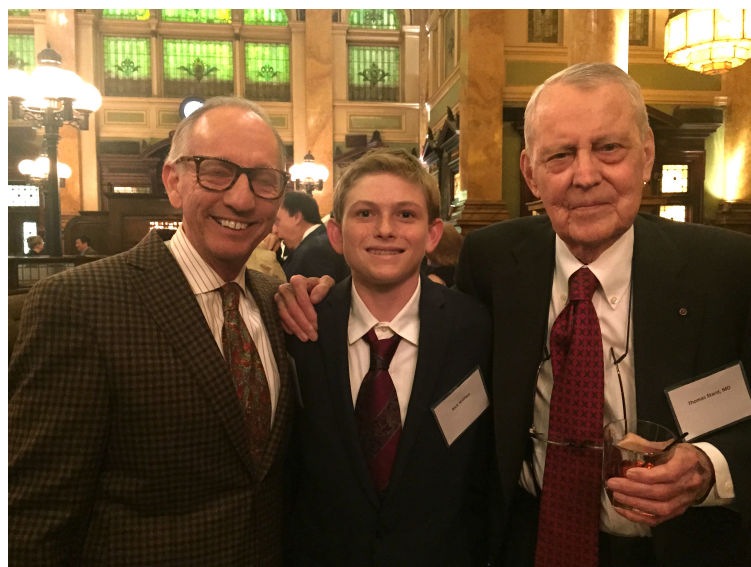


Dr. Starzl, father of modern transplantation

I had the honor of attending Dr. Starzl’s 90th birthday celebration in March of 2016. There are no words to describe the love and respect in the ballroom that night.

The celebration was attended by Starzl trained physicians from around the world. There were colleagues, family and a few of us patients whose lives had been saved by Dr. Starzl’s contributions to medicine.

I will always treasure that experience, and always miss him.



Nick, Dr. Ronald Busuttill and Dr. Thomas Starzl at Dr. Starzl's 90th Birthday celebration - 2016



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