

Amazing People: Archie Jones

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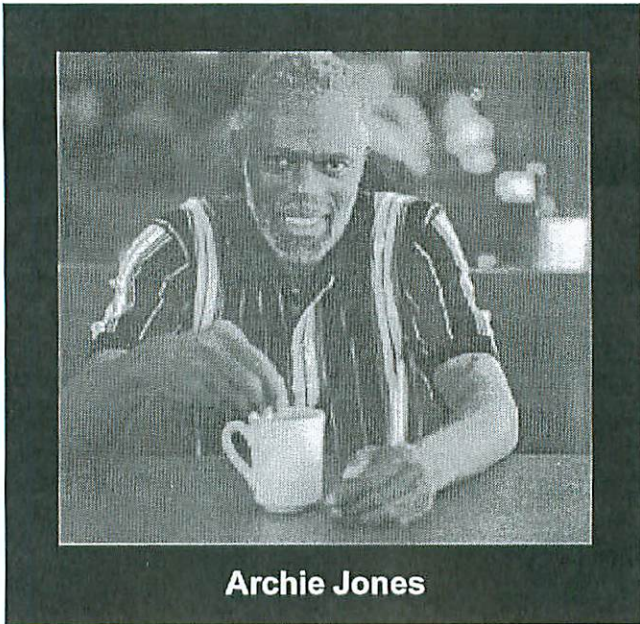
Archie Jones started dialysis in Feb. 1990. After one year, he was transplanted. The transplant lasted for 7 years. After getting a transplant, Archie felt so grateful he decided to give something back to the renal community.

Since 1991, Archie has been the president of Black Transplants Action Committee. This group provides seminars and workshops to promote organ donation in the black community and beyond. The main outreach is the weekly cable TV show he hosts that deals with health issues and organ tissue donation. If you live in Denver Colorado you can see it on Comcast Denver cable channel 58/59 4:00-4:30 PM. Recently, they have started an archive of transplant recipients for the African American Research Museum.

Archie is a board member of the Front Range Kidney Patients Association, a support group for people with renal disease that provides speakers and discusses issues related to dialysis and transplant.

Archie is also involved with the Donor Alliance and the Donor Awareness Council. The 'Donor Dash' is a 5k run/walk that raises

money for tissue organ procurement where transplant recipients have a chance to meet their donors. You can also see Archie's face on buses and billboards around Denver promoting tissue and organ donation.



Archie Jones

After 42 years of classes on and off, Archie received his BS in Business Management on May 17th 2003. He intends to use that degree to improve outcomes in the non-profit organizations he is involved with

When asked about dialysis, Archie says he has no problems and feels he gets excellent care. He says he is "looking to the future where ac-

cesses are more advanced." He says he "accepts being a patient for life." The one thing he hates is "losing my immune system." He keeps himself healthy despite ESRD and a decreased immune system by understanding his disease, following medical advise and diet, and keeping active mentally and physically.

We at Denver Central RCG appreciate Archie Jones so much because he inspires all of us. He reminds us that everyone can accomplish anything, and that success isn't a gift but a choice. Thanks Archie!

