**NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH – Local Stories 2014**

**Debbie (right) – Grand Junction, CO**

*25-Year Kidney Recipient*

My name is Debi Youngerman and I’m from Grand Junction, Colorado on the Western Slope. I received a new kidney on October 26, 1988 – now 25 years ago – at Porter Hospital in Denver.

**Pull out quote:** “When I was first told about my Kidney disease my doctor said two things, “we are going to get you a transplant and congratulations, most marriages don't make it through all this.”

I am a proud Advocate for Donor Alliance working to educate the communities around me the importance of registering to be an organ and tissue donor at DonateLifeColorado.org.