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**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF POLK COUNTY'S
CEO DR. MARC HUTEK NEEDS KIDNEY TO LIVE**

LAKELAND,FL—July 19, 2021 ---- Throughout his life Marc Hutek has always served his country and community. The former United States Army veteran has a resume that spans over 30 years in public education serving as a high school principal, adult education director, a deputy superintendent, and now as CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Polk County, a non-profit organization that serves over 12,000 children ages birth to 5 years of age. In all of his posts, he remained committed to making sure thousands of students and children have a better life.

Earlier this year his world turned upside down when he was told that he was in complete renal failure and he would need daily dialysis to continue to live. In spite of the grim news he continues to come to work as usual, remaining optimistic even after surviving COVID-19. His commitment to bringing goodness to the world is a constant driving force.

“My time here is precious and I have to provide a positive light for others,” said Hutek. I have to bring goodness to my family, friends and community. “I’ve got to keep the mindset that better days are ahead.”

Getting a kidney transplant involves going through several rigorous tests but Hutek remains positive. Back at his organization a kidney donor campaign effort is under way, headed by Debbie Burdett, Director of Strategic Partnerships. She spoke in a special video that was created stating the immediate need for Hutek.

“His first grandchild is due in August,” said Burdett. “He deserves to see this child grow up. I have faith that God will guide us through this community and restore Marc’s health.”

For anyone interested in helping go to TGH.org/LivingDonorForm.

(To view video link click below)

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