

Steve: Made Possible :60

SFX UP: Sounds of Steve climbing stairs and breathing. Look for natural sounding audio clips from b-roll.

ANNOUNCER: Every year, Steve Ferkau climbs the stairs of the John Hancock Center in Chicago. 94 floors to the top.

STEVE: It's called the Hustle Up the Hancock.

ANNOUNCER: It's hard to believe—when you watch Steve today—that a few years ago, his lungs were failing and he was fighting to survive.

(End SFX. Bring Music Up.)

STEVE: For eight hours a day, someone was pounding on my chest to try and keep my lungs clear. I honestly don't think I had more than a couple weeks to live.

ANNOUNCER: That's when Steve received the gift of life ... a double lung transplant. Made possible by an organ donor.

STEVE: After I got my new lungs, I started doing things that I had never been able to do. I never knew that breathing could feel this good.

ANNOUNCER: Steve climbs to honor his donor, and to raise awareness for organ, eye, and tissue donation.

STEVE: Wouldn't you like, that when you left this beautiful planet that you could save a few lives on your way out? It's an incredible gift.

ANNOUNCER: Imagine what you could make possible by leaving behind the gift of life.

Learn more and sign up as an organ, eye, and tissue donor. Go to organdonor.gov.

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