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Saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation



OneLegacy is the bridge to life for millions in Southern California. Our monthly newsletter provides you with snapshots of our lifesaving work as well as a look into how we are using our expertise to drive innovations, forge partnerships and more to continuously improve organ, eye and tissue donation.

**Tom Mone, OneLegacy Chief External Affairs Officer,
Panelist at the American Transplant Congress**



Tom Mone and Ava Kaufman at American Transplant Congress

Physicians, surgeons, scientists, nurses, organ procurement personnel, pharmacists, and other transplant professionals gather for a three-day conference in San Diego the first weekend of June. The annual American Transplant Congress (ATC) offers an extensive program that encourages the exchange of new scientific and clinical information in organ and tissue donation. The format facilitates discussion of socioeconomic, ethical, and regulatory transplantation-related issues.

Ava Kaufman, a OneLegacy advocate and heart recipient, was awarded the Transplant Advocacy Award at the event for her foundation Ava's Heart which provides housing and rehabilitation services to transplant recipients, as well as assisting with funeral costs for donor families.

Tom Mone, Chief External Affairs Officer at OneLegacy spoke on a panel on Sunday, June 4th, in a segment titled "Donor Retrieval Centers - Is this the way of the future?" OneLegacy leadership regularly participates in transplant community think tanks and groundbreaking initiatives.

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OneLegacy Sponsors Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) Conference



OneLegacy leaders joined over one-hundred and eighty-three hospitals and over three hundred c-suite leaders and decision makers at the HASC Annual Meeting in Palm Desert, California mid-May as one of the event's sponsors. The breakout sessions included sessions on Post-pandemic People Optimization, Staying Ahead of the Curve in Supplier Diversity, Telebehavioral Health Developments, Workplace Culture and more. Known as California's premiere conference for hospitals and health systems HASC celebrated it's hundred year anniversary with a 1920s themed Strolling Dinner and Sponsor Exhibit. OneLegacy highlighted their new facility and advances in technology through a video at their exhibit.

OneLegacy's headquarters, physician based practices and much more can be found in their 2023 Wrap Report.

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OneLegacy Foundation Hosts Donor Family Children at Comfort Zone Camps in the Angeles National Forest.

Children related to OneLegacy eye, organ, and tissue donors enjoyed an activity-filled camp this past weekend while learning healthy ways to grieve their lost loved ones. OneLegacy staff members volunteered at the camp, but the OneLegacy Foundation has a more significant presence as the financial sponsor of Comfort Zone Camp.

“We supported fifty children total at the camp this past weekend,” said Anna Binder, Supervisor of Family Support Services at OneLegacy of the most recent session, which ran the first weekend in May. “Each child is matched with one of fifty buddies, and often the buddies are people in their twenties who went through the camp themselves.” The buddy system allows the camp to offer a one-to-one ratio of counselors to campers, and the staff is made up almost entirely of volunteers. Comfort Zone empowers grieving children to fully realize their capacity to heal, grow, and lead more fulfilling lives. The camp offers grief support through various activities to children between the ages of seven and seventeen.

While most of the weekend consists of obstacle courses, art, and games, times are

set aside for healing. The program offers a unique spin on the traditional camp bonfire. The children write messages to their loved ones, which are dropped into the fire. As a group, they watch the embers disappear into the air. However, due to fire concerns in the mountains, they performed a “BonWater,” where notes on dissolving paper were dropped into the water as the children gathered and shared the cathartic moment.

There are also healing discussion circles, an opportunity for the child, if they choose, to share their story. In the healing circles, the older kids understand the heroic act of donation, “a girl lost her sister and said that knowing her sister was able to donate her cornea and heart means she is out there in the world helping someone else,” said Binder. Parents and guests are invited to join their campers for a remembrance memorial on the final day of Camp.

Twice a year, Comfort Zone, a bereavement organization based out of Richmond, Virginia, hosts three-day camps in Southern California funded by a OneLegacy grant. OneLegacy Family Services Support outreaches to donor families to provide the opportunity to attend. “There are also returning campers because grief healing is an ongoing process. They understand grief differently as they get older,” said Binder. The OneLegacy Family Support Services team provides resources for donor family members long after their loved one has given the gift of life.

Learn More About Comfort Zone Camps

There is so much more we’re excited to
share with you and we’d love for you
to be a part of our mission to save lives in
Southern California. Get involved:

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