

The Bridge

*The community newsletter of OneLegacy,
Southern California's transplant donor network*

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Industry Leaders Meet to Launch HHS Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative

On September 9-10, staff from OneLegacy and three Southern California partner hospitals joined HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson and leaders of over 100 large hospitals and 43 organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to launch a national initiative to generate significant increases in organ donation in the United States.



The hospital and OPO leaders, joined by several national healthcare organizations (including JCAHO, AHA and CMS) who have made a commitment to maximize the supply of available organs from deceased donors, convened in Washington to attend a two-day "Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative" learning session.

Together, these organizations agreed to join Secretary Thompson in an effort to increase organ donation rates from the current national average of 46 percent of eligible organ donors who die in hospitals to a target of 75 percent by adopting practices from hospitals and OPOs that already have high donation rates.

A recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that a high percentage of potential organ donors come from a relatively small pool of large hospitals like those represented at the September learning session.

"With their commitment to this initiative, hospital and organ procurement leaders are spearheading an historic opportunity to reduce



T.J. Carey

My name is Vicki Carey, and in 1995 I was involved in a serious car accident that took the life of my first child, Tyler Jonathan (T.J.).

I was in critical condition awaiting surgery when I was told the agonizing prognosis from Childrens Hospital Los Angeles: T.J. had been pronounced clinically brain dead.

My husband and I were compassionately told that even though T.J. was only one month old, that there were two other babies (each two months old) at the hospital that were themselves within days of dying if they did not receive heart and lung transplants. For my husband and I, the decision to have T.J. be a donor clearly stood out as being the right—the only—thing to do, especially if it

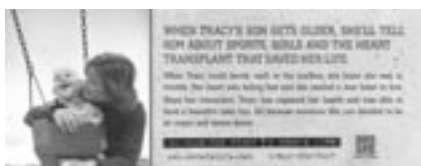


Coalition on Donation 2003-04 General Market Campaign Features Empowering Testimonials, Call to "Donate Life"

October saw the launch of the 2003-04 Coalition on Donation General Market Campaign to radio, print and out-of-home media outlets nationwide. The campaign features the voices and faces of seven organ and tissue recipients and one patient waiting and declares that "You Have the Power to Donate Life." As a call to action, the campaign urges the public to commit today to becoming a donor by visiting www.donatelife.net or calling 1-800-355-7427 to find out how to become a donor in their state.

Featured in the campaign are:

- Christine, whose kidney transplant enabled her to regain her active lifestyle, including hiking, aerobics and even kick-boxing.
- Derrick, 39, thanks his kidney donor for allowing him to be the husband and father he wanted to be.
- John, 51, received a cornea transplant, letting him see his wife for the first time in 31 years—and his daughters for the first time ever. Upon seeing his wife, he said, "I want you to know, Anita, that the years have been very kind to you."
- Lacey, a 14-year-old heart recipient, is an active snowboarder and



Coalition on Donation general market campaign materials, clockwise from upper left: "Roma" 30-sheet billboard; "Tyler" magazine ad; "Derrick" newspaper ad; brochure; and "Tracy" interior bus sign.



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Crossroads

CONGRATULATIONS Tenaya Wallace, Community Programs Supervisor, and her husband **Jonathan** celebrated their wedding on Aug. 10th.

WELCOME Juan Dominguez, RN, Procurement Transplant Coordinator in the South/Metro Los Angeles region. He was previously a staff nurse at USC Medical Center for three years ... **Marilyn Mosley, RN**, Procurement Transplant Coordinator in the Orange County region. She comes to us from UC Irvine Medical Center ... **Vickie Egeler**, Per Diem Assistant Procurement Transplant Coordinator in the North Los Angeles region ... New Tissue Services staff in alphabetical order: **Janet Acevedo**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech I, previously a Community Service Officer for at the Rialto Police Department for 15 years; **Jeannie Griffin**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech I, gained her experience as an OBT at Inland Valley Healthcare

and Moreno Valley Community Hospital; **Cary Johnson**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech I, has been working at the Moreno Valley Community Hospital as an OBT since September 1993; **Jennifer Paquette**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech I, has been an LVN since 1994 at Palomar Medical Center and Inland Valley Medical Center; **Ladrew Price**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech I, worked at the US Naval Hospital in Italy and National Naval Medical Center in Maryland; **Timothy Teel**, Per-Diem Recovery Tech II, worked previously at the UCSF Tissue Bank and Inland Eye and Tissue Bank; **Jason Telgman**, Tissue Donor Coordinator II, Jason has been in the tissue recovery field since 1996, including American Red Cross Tissue Services and Orange County Eye & Tissue Bank.

ON THE MOVE Robin McNabb, RN is transitioning from Procurement Transplant Coordinator to Hospital Account Executive in the Kern County Region ... **Angela Heeran, RN**, previously a Procurement Transplant Coordinator for the North Los Angeles region since September 1999,

is our newest Organ Placement Coordinator ... **Mily Teske** joins the Orange County region as an Assistant Procurement Transplant Coordinator after serving nearly 18 months as a Family Liaison in the Family Services department ... **Anne Blackburn, RN**, Procurement Transplant Coordinator, has transferred from the Central Los Angeles region, where she served for more than five years, to the Orange County region ... **Scott Snider, RN** will now serve the North Los Angeles region full-time as a Procurement Transplant Coordinator. He had been splitting his time between the Central and North Los Angeles regions for the last year.

BEST WISHES Thanks to organ placement coordinator **Leah Ehliis**, who has moved to Seattle ... We thank **Luis Sanchez**, Procurement Transplant Coordinator, for his service to the families of the South/Metro Los Angeles region ... We wish **Michelle Manier** a bright future after five years of service in the Communications Center in the Inland Empire.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Honors Donor Within Their Own Family

In August the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department held the 2003 Patricia Madera de Waldie Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of the wife of a deputy (and daughter-in-law of Assistant Sheriff Larry L. Waldie) who passed away in May and became an organ donor. At the request of the Waldie family, the Sheriff's Department generously designated OneLegacy's family support programs as the beneficiary of the event's proceeds, which approached \$80,000.

The 144-player tournament attracted 152 players, with Carson City Towing, Inc., Commerce Casino, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP and two proprietors of a Jiffy Lube franchise each supporting the event with top-level \$5,000 sponsorships.

Those present at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier were privileged to have Sheriff Leroy D. Baca share his heartfelt words to the Waldie and Madera families, which included a tribute to the family's decision to donate. A raffle, silent auction and live auction also contributed to fundraising efforts, the latter of which was hosted by Undersheriff William T. Stonich and Assistant Sheriff R. Doyle Campbell. Campbell is a 17-year liver recipient who together with his colleagues has been a longtime supporter of organ and tissue donation among the Sheriff's Department's close-knit "family" of 16,000 employees.

OneLegacy chief executive officer Tom Mone also addressed the awards dinner guests, expressing gratitude to the families, the Sheriff's Department and all present on behalf of the organization.



(1) Clad in pink, Patty Waldie's favorite color, the Madera family provided breakfast to event competitors and organizers. (2) Sheriff Leroy D. Baca shared heartfelt words alongside a wedding photo of Larry and Patricia Waldie. (3) Assistant Sheriff R. Doyle Campbell, a 17-year liver recipient, shared his unique perspective at the awards dinner.

'Extended Criteria Donors' Increase Number of Organs Available for Transplant

As part of the national effort to increase the number of organs available for transplantation, the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) now involves a special waiting list for voluntary kidney recipients.

The development comes in the aftermath extensive UNOS research regarding what, in the past, were termed "marginal" kidney donors (now known as Extended Criteria Donors). These were defined as older deceased organ donors with a past medical history of hypertension and/or

diabetes. Research showed that these kidneys had a greater chance of being successfully transplanted when cold time (the elapsed time between surgical recovery and transplantation, during which the kidneys are kept in an iced slush solution) was kept to an absolute minimum.

As of September 2002, patients who have agreed in advance to accept a kidney from an Extended Criteria Donor are placed on a special waiting list which uses "waiting time on the list" as the only allocation criterion. Each transplant center

enters patients on the list by blood type, assures that the patient has completed an extensive medical workup and is currently "ready" for transplantation. The transplant center knows which patient is at the top of the list for each blood type and can expedite the transplant procedure. Many of these voluntary recipients are older so the use of kidneys from these donors shortens their waiting time considerably.

Initial results by OneLegacy transplant centers show that the system works and success rates are extremely encouraging.

Organ Donation Data

Following are key OneLegacy performance indicators through the first ten months of 2002. The five indicators critical to organ procurement organization (OPO) certification by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are denoted with an asterisk. (Source: OneLegacy data)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD
Organ Donors*	27	27	25	25	34	26	26	30	28	248
Kidneys Recovered*	50	52	50	46	67	48	49	56	54	472
Kidneys Transplanted*	48	50	48	42	57	44	43	53	50	435
Extra-Renals Recovered*	45	50	40	48	51	44	50	45	49	422
Extra-Renals Transplanted*	39	48	38	48	52	44	51	41	48	409
Organs Recovered	95	102	90	94	118	92	99	101	103	894
Organs Transplanted	87	98	86	90	109	88	94	94	98	844
Recovered Organs Per Donor	3.52	3.78	3.60	3.76	3.47	3.54	3.81	3.37	3.68	3.60
Transplanted Organs Per Donor	3.22	3.63	3.44	3.60	3.21	3.38	3.62	3.13	3.50	3.40

Kern County Office Educates Bakersfield Police Department

The staff of OneLegacy's Kern County regional office educated the entire Bakersfield Police Department (BPD) on the role of law enforcement in organ donation as part of a bi-annual training that is required for all city police officers in the state of California.

The 13-week series of presentations was headed by Procurement Transplant Coordinator Kren Campbell, and supported by Assistant Regional Director Becky Bryant and Hospital Account Executive Robin McNabb. In all, 304 officers—including sergeants, detectives, patrol officers, traffic officers, DARE officers, community resource officers and homicide detectives—were educated over the course of 26 sessions.

"This training gives officers a new

understanding of how to work with OneLegacy on a case," says Ron Rice, Officer of Planning, Research and Training. "The investigative officers now understand that OneLegacy is not intrusive, and now we know how we can assist them in their job, and vice versa."



Ron Rice, Senior Police Officer for the Planning, Research, Training Division and SWAT Team/Paramedic, and Matt Eastman, Senior Police Officer, Training Division lauded the training program spearheaded by OneLegacy procurement coordinator Kren Campbell.

Since the training was completed, BPD has worked closely with OneLegacy to obtain release of two bodies in suspected homicide cases. Both became donors.

"Our response from many officers was that this education changed the way they perceive potential organ donors and donation itself both personally and in their work," says Campbell. "That's all we can hope for – to make a difference, one per-

son and one organization at a time, and we have been successful."

OneLegacy has been asked to present to BPD's next academy class, and also to continue as a regular participant in BPD education and training programs.

We Remember Joe Velasquez



Joe Velasquez, a dear friend to OneLegacy, passed away on Oct. 25th. He often shared his profound gratitude for receiving his liver transplant, which enabled him to realize his dream of seeing his sons play varsity baseball. His exuberant embrace of life will be carried on by all who knew him.

HIPAA Privacy: Separating Myths from Facts

BY JANLORI GOLDMAN

As of April 14, 2003, health care providers and health plans are required to be in compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Regulation. Both the 1996 Congress and the two recent administrations agree that a privacy law is needed to ensure that sensitive personal health information can be shared for core health activities, with safeguards in place to limit the inappropriate use and sharing of patient data. The HIPAA privacy rule takes critical steps in that direction to require that privacy and security be built in to the policies and practices of health care providers, plans, and others involved in health care.

Despite the law's clear purpose and scope, a lack of widespread and consistent public education, training, and technical assistance over the past 30 months has given rise to a number of persistent and destructive myths. Following are some common myths regarding the Rule and the facts about what the law actually says.

Myth #1: One doctor's office cannot send medical records of a patient to

another doctor's office without that patient's consent.

FACT: No consent is necessary for one doctor's office to transfer a patient's medical records to another doctor's office for treatment purposes. The Privacy Regulation specifically states that a covered entity "is permitted to use or disclose protected health information" for "treatment, payment, or health care operations," without patient consent. As HHS explains, "treatment" includes "consultation between health care providers regarding a patient and referral of a patient by one provider to another." HHS states that providing health records to another health care provider for treatment purposes "can be done by fax or other means." §§164.502(a)(1)(ii), 164.506(a).

Myth #2: The HIPAA Privacy Regulation prohibits or discourages doctor/patient emails.

FACT: The Privacy Regulation allows providers to use alternative means of communication, such as email, with appropriate safeguards. Doctors

and other healthcare providers may continue to communicate with patients via email. Both the HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations require providers to use reasonable and appropriate safeguards to "ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability" of any health information transmitted electronically, and to "protect against any reasonably anticipated threats" to the security of such information. Therefore, a covered entity is free to continue using email to communicate with patients, but should be sure that adequate safeguards, such as encryption, are used. §§164.522(b)(1)(i), 164.306(a)(1)-(2), (d)(3)(i)-(ii), 164.312(e)(2)(ii).

To be continued in the next issue of The Bridge.

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Eye Care for Comatose Patients: Nurses Can Make a Major Difference In Preserving Eyesight

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The eyes of patients in comas or on ventilators must be protected from drying and infection by routinely using copious amounts of antibiotic or lubricating ointments.

The Loma Linda Eye & Tissue Bank frequently gets permission to recover donor eye tissue from patients who were ventilator dependent prior to death. Some of these donors may have been in a comatose state for days.

Despite prophylaxis for other potential systemic problems, the eyes are often overlooked. This can cause permanent visual problems for the patient who recovers, or make the eyes unsuitable for transplantation if the patient expires.

In the comatose state the eyes are deprived of the protective mechanisms of blinking and tear production. Once the corneal epithelium has dried and broken down, a multitude of pathogens (usually present on the eyelids) can invade the cornea, causing infection, ulceration, scarring and even the loss of the eye. Clinically, the cornea may show fluorescein staining and white stromal infiltrates. In order to save the eye, cultures must be

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Inland Empire Coordinator Builds International Ties

OneLegacy Inland Empire procurement transplant coordinator Maria Stadler, RN, CPTC is leading efforts to build relationships between OneLegacy and ETCO/ESOT (European Transplant Coordinator Organization/European Society for Transplantation) as well as the OPO in Germany.

Ms. Stadler, a native of Germany, was invited to attend the 11th ETCO/ESOT/ELTO conference in Venice, Italy, generally considered the main European event for exchanging scientific information in the field of transplantation. At the September conference, she was voted into the law and ethics committee as the international representative for the United States

“It was a wonderful exchange of experience and thoughts to improve our work as an OPO towards the donor families,” said Stadler. “Working as a CPTC with OneLegacy and having a European background, I am able to explain some of the cultural differences within the U.S. and between the U.S. and Europe.”

Stadler’s international work began with initiating a relationship between the German OPO, DSO (German Foundation for Organ Donation) and OneLegacy. In

March 2002, she traveled to Munich for a presentation to DSO, which was followed by a guest speaking engagement alongside OneLegacy CEO Tom Mone at the August 2002 Annual Meeting for Organ Donation in Munich, Germany.

Based on this initial exchange, Stadler arranged a preliminary exchange program involving OneLegacy and DSO procurement coordinators with the goal of investigating the outcome and efficiency of a full-scale CPTC exchange program. In July 2003, a senior CPTC, Dr. Angelika Eder of the Munich DSO, came to Southern California for a two-week internship at the OneLegacy Inland Empire regional office, where she was introduced to our program, hospital development and also attended an organ donor case. The next month, Stadler volunteered to work for seven days at the DSO in Germany and observed their donor process and was part of an organ procurement case.

During her seven-day internship, Stadler met with Dr. Fischereder from the University of Munich. Dr. Eder and Prof. Fischereder have since invited



On a recent visit, Dr. Detlef Boesebeck, Regional Director of the DSO in Bavaria, Germany, met with (top to bottom) OneLegacy CEO Tom Mone, Procurement Coordinator Maria Stadler and Mike Rosson, Inland Empire Regional Director. An international research study was a key topic of discussion.

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EMPOWERING: Coalition on Donation Campaign Launches

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- ATV rider. Her philosophy: “Never waste a minute.”
- Robbie, on the waitlist for a lung transplant, wants “to be there for my daughter when she grows into a woman.”
 - Roma, whose kidney transplant allows the nine-year-old to “just be a kid.”
 - Tracy could barely walk to her mailbox due to a failing heart. Since her heart transplant, she has regained her health and had a beautiful baby boy.
 - Tyler, a 15-year-old cancer survivor, received a bone transplant which enabled him to keep his leg. “Sometimes I even tell girls I got my scar from a shark bite,” he says. “They love that.”

The campaign features radio, print, out-of-home and collateral materials, including a new general market brochure and poster series. Materials were distributed to the media the week of October 20th, while television spots will be released in time for National Donate Life Month in April 2004.

“Key to the success of the campaign will be our ability to motivate Southern California media outlets to air and publish these empowering messages,” says Bryan Stewart, Director of Communications for OneLegacy. “We hope our regional partners in the donation and transplantation community will be open to working together to generate placement opportunities.”

For more information, contact Bryan Stewart at bstewart@onelegacy.org.

El Puente

Una sección especial para la comunidad hispana

Noche de Gala: Corazones Unidos

El pasado 13 de Septiembre los latinos unimos nuestros corazones para celebrar los esfuerzos realizados en la lucha contra el asesino numero uno de la población latina, la enfermedad cardiaca. Encabezada por el American Heart Association, la tercer celebración Anual de Corazones Unidos recaudo mas de \$149,000 los cuales



Dahiana de Francisco de OneLegacy, Cristina Saralegui y Patricia Elizarraraz en la tercer celebración Anual de Corazones Unidos.

serán utilizados para la investigación medica y programas comunitarios para la prevención de enfermedades cardiacas dentro de la comunidad latina. Entre los invitados especiales se encontraban el doctor David Hayes-Bautista, de UCLA y el doctor J. Mario Molina, de Molina Healthcare, Inc., quienes recibieron un

reconocimiento por su dedicación a nuestra comunidad y por sus esfuerzos médicos e investigativos. La bella actriz puertorriqueña, Rita Moreno también fue reconocida por su dedicación a la educación a los latinos acerca de métodos de prevención de enfermedades cardiacas. Entre invitados reconocidos se encontraban la reconocida presentadora de televisión hispana, Cristina Saralegui y el alto ejecutivo de KMEX/Univision, Jorge Delgado.

En nuestra mesa tuvimos el honor de ser acompañados por tres de nuestras Embajadoras Sara y Mona Castro y Patricia Elizarraraz. Además nos acompañaron importantes miembros de la comunidad de negocios Hispana; Edgar Mejía, Director Ejecutivo del Latin Business Association y Víctor Hugo González Samano quien vino en representación de Vista América.

Felicitemos al American Heart Association por el gran éxito que tuvieron en el evento y por el esfuerzo y la dedicación a nuestra comunidad.

Embajadores Nuevos



El pasado 20 de Septiembre en el Hotel Wyndham de Commerce se graduaron 3 Embajadores nuevos. Elizabeth Meléndez, Olivia Olivares y Nelson Freytes, bienvenidos a la familia de OneLegacy.

Regalo de Vida

POR EUGENIO TORRES

Yo deseo para ti una larga vida, un futuro sin dolor y alegría sin limites

*Quiero que tus pasos te lleven bien lejos
Donde los pastos son verdes
Las aguas cristalinas y el aire limpio*

Mi sueño es que comas los frutos mas dulces de la existencia

*Que bailes conmigo al ritmo de la primavera
Y que el amor te abrace con todas sus fuerzas
Y sea tu compañero de viaje*

Solo recuerda, que si Dios te llama de repente

Solo reclamara tu espiritu, no tu cuerpo

Tu cuerpo puede ser la semilla

*Para que otros cosechen el fruto de la vida
Tus ojos que han visto las flores, el arco iris y las estrellas*

Pueden llevar luz a las tinieblas de otros ojos

Tu corazón que esta repleto de bellas emociones, ternura y sentimiento

Puede seguir latiendo en otro pecho, que lo cuidara como un tesoro

¿Porque no compartir la vida que amamos tanto?

¿Quien lo puede saber, a lo mejor tu mismo o algún ser que tu amas

puede necesitar un día un poco mas de vida.

Mi sueño es que vivas y te apasiones al despertar cada mañana

Solo recuerda y guárdalo muy dentro

Dios solo reclamara tu espiritu, no tu cuerpo

Spanning the Southland

From Simi Valley to San Bern
OneLegacy professionals and
(Multicultural focus denoted:)

INLAND EMPIRE

Jul 11	Riverside	OL Speaker	Parkview Hospital Ethics Committee
Aug 1	San Bernardino	Information Table	San Bernardino 66ers Minority Donor Day
Aug 12	Loma Linda	OL Speaker	Loma Linda University Medical Center Pre-Transplant Support Group
Aug 7	Loma Linda	OL Speaker	Loma Linda University Medical Center Transplant Support Group (S)
Sept 11-12	Corona	OL Speaker	Corona Regional Med Ctr Nursing Skills Day
Sept 23	Riverside	OL Speaker	Computer Education Institute
Sept 27	Riverside	Information Table	America's Walk for Diabetes Health Fair
Sept 27	Colton	Information Table	Community Health & Safety Fair, Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
Oct 2-3	Riverside	OL Speaker	Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center Nursing Skills Day
Oct 26	Loma Linda	Information Table	Health Fair Expo, Loma Linda University Drayson Center
Oct 9	Moreno Valley	Information Table	ER Nurses Week

KERN COUNTY

Jul 17	Bakersfield	Speaker	
Jul 24	Bakersfield	Speaker	
Oct 18	Bakersfield	Information T	
Oct 20	Bakersfield	OL Speaker	
Oct 28	Bakersfield	Information T	
Oct 29	Bakersfield	OL Speaker	

ORANGE COUNTY

Jul 22	Laguna Niguel	Speaker	
Jul 26	Garden Grove	Information T	
Aug 1	Irvine	Speaker	
Aug 9	Buena Park	Information T	
Aug 23	Rosemead	Information T	
Aug 25	Anaheim	Speaker	
Sept 6	Westminster	Information T	
Sept 7	Westminster	Information T	
Sept 10	Fullerton	Speaker	
Sept 12	Santa Ana	OL Speaker	
Sept 17	Newport Beach	OL Speaker	
Sept 21	Arcadia	Information T	
Sept 21	Arcadia	Information T	
Sept 21	La Mirada	Information T	
Sept 26-28	Garden Grove	Survey	
Sept 26-Oct 3	San Gabriel Valley	Survey	
Oct 14	Irvine	OL Speaker	
Oct 17	Westminster	OL Speaker	

LOS ANGELES NORTH

Jul 11,24	Los Angeles	Speaker	National Youth Leadership Forum, UCLA
Aug 10	Monrovia	Speaker	Tzu Chi Foundation events with ALF/Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (C)
Aug 12-13	Burbank	Information Table	Media Center Shopping Mall
Aug 24	Panorama City	Information Table	Radio Unica Health Fair at Wal-Mart (S)
Sept 6	Valencia	Information Table	Little Miracles Festival, Mann Biomedical Park
Sept 11	Pasadena	Representative	Harvest Moon Celebration (C)
Sept 24	Santa Barbara	Speaker	Santa Barbara Rotary Club
Sept 24	Rosemead	Information Table	Edison International's Community Expo
Sept 27	Universal City	Representative	Tzu Chi Annual Benefit Charity Concert (C)
Sept 28	Los Olivos	Information Table	6th Annual Valley Music Festival
Oct 3	Glendale	Speaker	Glendale Kiwanis Club
Oct 7	Pasadena	Speaker	Huntington Hospital In-Service
Oct 7	Santa Barbara	Speaker	Mended Hearts Support Group
Oct 9	Oxnard	Speaker	Kiwanis Club of Oxnard
Oct 13	Palmdale	OL/Speaker	Palmdale High School
Oct 14	La Verne	OL/Speaker	Bonita High School
Oct 15	Santa Barbara	Speaker	Santa Barbara Kiwanis Club
Oct 18-19	Goleta	Information Table	California Lemon Festival ▲
Oct 26	Valencia	Information Table	Valencia United Methodist Church Celebration of Ministry Sunday



LOS ANGELES SOUTH / M

Aug 2	Huntington Park	Information T	
Aug 10	Lynwood	OL Represent	
Aug 16	Puente Hills	Information T	
Aug 20	Whittier	Information T	
Aug 23	Lynwood	OL Staff	
Sept 17	Long Beach	Speaker	
Oct 31	Rancho Palos Verdes	Information T	

ardino, Ridgecrest to Westminster, Goleta to Eagle Rock,
Ambassadors reach out to communities throughout Southern California.
(S)panish, (C)hinese, (V)ietnamese, (A)sian



Kern County Sheriff's Dept. Education Day
CSU Bakersfield MSW Program
Table A Pumpkin for a Pint, Houchin Blood Bank
West High School
Table West High School Health Fair
Highland High School

Laguna Niguel Rotary Club
Table Vu-Lan Memorial Celebration, Duoc-Su
Buddhist Temple (V)
Gensci Workplace Presentation
Table JJR-MC Association (V)
Table Childrens Moon Festival, Richard Garvey
Intermediate School (V)
Anaheim Rotary Club
Table Moon Festival, Boys & Girls Club (V)
Table Martial Arts Tournament, Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints (V)
Fullerton Rotary Club
Santa Ana College Nursing Students
Hoag Hospital Transplant Support Group
Table The Harvest Moon Festival (A)
Table Asian American Harvest Moon Festival (C)
Table Viet-American Cancer Foundation (V)
ATASC Public Education Campaign (V)
ATASC Public Education Campaign (C)
Spanish Support Group at UCI Medical Center
Donor Sabbath at Bethany Bible Fellowship (V)

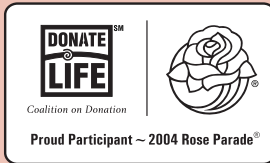
METRO

Table National Minority Donor Awareness Day
ative St. Francis Medical Center
Table Staying Fit! Community Health Fair,
Puente Hills Mall
Table UOTA at Weekly Farmers Market Family Festival
Kids Care Fair, St. Francis Medical Center
Long Beach Rotary Club
Table Casino Day, Los Verdes Golf Course

LOS ANGELES CENTRAL

Jul 9	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Parent Workshop at Virgil Middle School (S)
Jul 10	East Los Angeles	Speaker	East Los Angeles Doctors Hospital Co-op In-Service
Jul 12	Los Angeles	Information Table	National Organization for Renal Disease, St. Patricks Church
Jul 13	Los Angeles	Information Table	Lotus Festival at Echo Park (V/A)
Jul 27	Culver City	Representatives	Gift of the Heart Softball Game, Veterans Park
Aug 3	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Donor Sabbath at Our Lady of Loretto (S)
Aug 3	Rowland Hts.	Speaker	Donor Sabbath at St. Elizabeth Seton (S)
Aug 5	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	St. Vincent Medical Center Transplant Support Group (S)
Aug 18	Whittier	Representatives	Patricia Madera de Waldie Memorial Golf Tournament
Aug 27	Los Angeles	Information Table	Nelson Name Plate Company's Employee Health Fair
Sept 2	Los Angeles	Speaker	LA Trade Tech College Nursing Students
Sept 13	Los Angeles	Information Table	St. Vincent Community Health Ministry Department 2nd Annual Health Fair
Sept 18-19	Los Angeles	Information Table	Wal-Mart (S)
Sept 21	Pico Rivera	Information Table	Radio Unica Health Fair, Wal-Mart (S)
Sept 22	Los Angeles	Speaker	Carrying the Message on Comcast Cable
Sept 22-24	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Metro Skills Center (S) ▲
Sept 26	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Metro Skills Center (S)
Sept 29-Oct 3	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Metro Skills Center (S)
Oct 2	Los Angeles	Community	Organ Donation Program at Los Angeles Bohemios (S)
Oct 4-5	Los Angeles	Information Table	LA Times Festival of Health & Fitness at USC
Oct 9	Monterey Park	OL Speaker	American Liver Foundation Presentation at Garfield Hospital
Oct 14	Los Angeles	Speaker	USC School of Medicine
Oct 14	Beverly Hills	Information Table	Beverly Hills Hotel Employee Health Fair
Oct 17	Los Angeles	Speaker	Presentation to Pediatric Residents at Children's Hospital
Oct 21	Los Angeles	OL Speaker	Metro Skills Center (S)
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Oct 25	Los Angeles	Information Table	Festival del Dia del Muerto (S)
Oct 24	Los Angeles	Representative	Asian Youth Center 14th Anniv. Celebration & Dinner (C)
Oct 28	Los Angeles	Speaker	White Memorial Hospital In-Service
Oct 31	North Hollywood	Speaker	Forensic Science 101: Los Angeles County Department of Coroner

2004 Official Partners



The following organizations have joined the Coalition on Donation and OneLegacy in support of this nationwide project:

Organ/Tissue Recovery Organizations

American Red Cross Tissue Services
California Transplant Donor Network
Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) (PA,WV)
Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network (IL)
Gift of Life Donor Program (PA,NJ,DE)
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Mid-South Transplant Foundation (TN,AR,MS)
Nevada Donor Network
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Tennessee Donor Services
Upstate New York Transplant Service
Washington Regional Transplant Consortium (DC,MD,VA)
Wisconsin Donor Network

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St. Vincent Medical Center
TRIO Ventura County/West Valley Chapter
United Organ Transplant Association (UOTA)
UCLA Healthcare

Float Riders Bring Stories of Hope, Inspiration to Worldwide Audience

When the 2004 Rose Parade ushers in the New Year, it will also mark a milestone in raising awareness of the critical and growing need for organ and tissue donation as 22 donor family members, living donors and transplant recipients ride the first-ever Coalition on Donation Rose Parade float.

“We hope our float riders’ stories of adversity and triumph will help millions of parade viewers understand that through donation, we each have the power to help one another in a most profound way,” said Bryan Stewart, chairman of the Coalition’s float committee and director of communications for OneLegacy.

Riders were nominated by organ and tissue recovery organizations, foundations and transplant centers nationwide and range in age from 12 to 63. Fourteen are transplant recipients and seven are living donors or donor family members.

Leading the contingent are Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, U.S. Deputy Surgeon General and an organ donor husband and father, and snowboarder Chris Klug, who received a life-saving liver transplant 18 months before winning a bronze medal at the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Of special interest are Los Angeles area residents Patricia Abdullah and Mike Jones, whose chance meeting at a personal development seminar inspired her to donate a life-saving kidney to him. According to doctors at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, the only way they could have been a closer match was if they were born identical twins from the same cell—remarkable considering that Patricia is Caucasian and Mike is African American.

Riders from the Greater Los Angeles Area include Patricia Abdullah, 55, Glendale; Dionne Brown, 14, Oxnard; Carissa Carmichael, 21, Murrieta; Sara

Watching the Parade

Date: Jan. 1, 2004
Time: 8:00am PT
TV: ABC, CBS, NBC,
HGTV*, Univision,
KTLA (WB) Los Angeles*
(*commercial free)



Float Facts

Designer: Dave Pittman
Builder: Phoenix Decorating Co.
Dimensions: 17'H x 18'W x 50'L.

On the Web

OneLegacy has launched a website with complete information about the float. Go to www.onelegacy.org and click on the Coalition on Donation/Rose Parade logo.

Castro, 12, Pico Rivera; Patricia Elizarraraz, 44, Rowland Heights; Eunice Gibson, 51, Los Angeles; Mike Jones, 43, Los Angeles; Phat Mach, 17, Westminster; Sharon Maupin, 59, Sierra Madre; Catalina “Cathy” Perez, 32, Whittier.

Travelling from out-of-state are Brittney Andrews, 12, Loveland, Colo.; Brent Axthelm, 15, Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Darlene Aymerich, 52, Akron, N.Y.; Kari Barlament, 28, Brillion, Wis.; Gene Battaly, 63, Memphis, Tenn; Kathy M. Gibson, 53, Clearwater, Fla.; Chris Klug, 31, Vail, Colo.; Barbara Lawrence, 55, Miami, Fla.; RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, MPH, 58, Honolulu, Hi.; Patricia K. “Pat” Perry, 60, Beecher, Ill.; Gerald W. “Jerry” Prose, 49, Henderson, Nev.; Ryan Zinn, 30, Columbus, Ohio.

The Coalition on Donation Rose Parade float features two gardens connected by a dramatic 50-foot bridge, symbolizing the living bridge between organ and tissue donors and recipients.

A Dream Blossoms

Like most worthy endeavors, the Coalition on Donation Rose Parade Float began with a personal inspiration. It is to the good fortune of the donation/transplantation community that Gary Foxen, an Orange County lung recipient and member of TRIO's Ventura County/West Valley Chapter, put his dream in writing in a letter to Robert Mendez, M.D., Chairman and President of OneLegacy.



"I am one of those whose life was saved" by a transplant, wrote Foxen in the letter dated April 17, 2001. "It truly has made me a new person and I will forever be indebted to the family that made me the object of their generosity. I have been trying to find a way to repay society for this wonderful gift and I believe I have a good idea on how to do that."

Two-and-a-half years later, Gary is thrilled at the prospect of seeing his dream become

a reality.

"I'm glad so many people saw what I did: that a Rose Parade float would focus positive attention and bring a human face on the subject of organ and tissue donation and transplantation," Foxen said. "I have hope that our combined efforts will save the lives of many others by inspiring people to choose to donate."

On January 1st, Gary will be sitting in the grandstands alongside his wife Lois, who urged him to write the letter to Dr. Mendez.

"I'm very grateful to the organizers and supporters of who are making the float possible, because not all dreams are realized."

This New Year's Day, thanks to 55 organizations, dozens of contributors and hundreds of volunteers, this is one dream that will.

Donation in the Media

- Aug 31 The **San Bernardino County Sun** profiled Ron Ranus, founder of Cassie's Friends.
- Sept 9 The **San Bernardino County Sun** ran a story on the signing of AB 777, a bill which sets guidelines for coroners to release organs for transplant.
- Sept 15 **KCLU-FM 88.3's** Jim Rondeau welcomed TRIO Ventura County/West Valley Chapter president Jackie Colleran and OneLegacy's Bryan Stewart for "CrossTalk."
- Sept 18 The **Bakersfield Californian** ran a front-page story on KATS founder Mark Sabin, who awaits his third heart transplant.
- Sept 19 The **Orange City News** ran a story on two high school teachers, Craig "Cork" Snider and Brian Wienczek, who rode bikes from Sacramento to Kansas City to raise awareness of organ donation.
- Oct 6 For their "Special People" feature, the **Redlands Daily Facts** profiled Cathy Grinnan, whose daughter Hannah received a heart transplant at Loma Linda University Medical Center.
- Oct 17 The **Irvine World News** profiled Carol McInerney, who received a kidney from her husband Mark.
- Nov 7 **KGET-TV 18 (NBC) Bakersfield** interviewed Kern County assistant regional director Becky Bryant for a two-part story on organ donation.

Multicultural

- Jun 19 Hispanic communications coordinator Dahiana de Francisco guest-starred on **KWHY-TV 22's** "Asi Se Hace" variety show.
- July 21 Community educator Sabrina Ho was featured on **KSCI-TV 18's** "Tea Time" news segment.
- Sept 18 The **Viet Bao** newspaper profiled OneLegacy family advocate Vanessa Hong-Van Nguyen.
- Oct 4 **KWRU-AM 940** welcomed organ placement coordinator Teresita Nuila for an on-air roundtable on organ donation.
- Oct 5 **KBLA-AM 1580** invited Hispanic communications coordinator Dahiana de Francisco for an on-air roundtable on organ donation.



In late July (and on a Saturday at 6:15am at that) 21 OneLegacy Ambassadors journeyed to Pasadena to help "road test" the float. Pictured in the foreground are Jennifer Moore, Jennifer Rosenthal, Delilah Sinek and Kevin Monroe. Having passed the test, the float is ready for decorating!

BREAKTHROUGH: Industry Leaders Launch HHS Initiative

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the organ waiting list and bring life and hope to the thousands of men, women and children who are waiting for a life-saving donation,” Secretary Thompson said.

Hospitals and OPOs work together to identify eligible organ donors, honor donation intentions as directed by the donor or the family and implement procedures to transfer donated organs to waiting recipients. Nationally, more than 82,000 people are currently waiting for an organ that could save or enhance their lives. Nearly 18 people die each day waiting for an organ.

300 hospitals throughout the United States have been identified by the Secretary as being the largest contributors to solving this crisis, 19 of them being within the OneLegacy service area. The first phase of this Collaborative has OneLegacy teaming up with Providence Holy Cross Medical Center in Mission Hills, Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield, and Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center.

During this intensive one-year initiative, participants aim to prove that by implementing best demonstrated practices throughout their hospitals, a significant increase in donor conversion will be achieved. The leaders will reconvene again next year to review progress, assess breakthroughs by participant teams and design further changes for more testing. Successful practices will then be expanded to other large U.S. hospitals, where 90 percent of all eligible donors are located.

Secretary Thompson announced the organ donation collaborative in April 2003. Its partners include the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) and other key organizations in the transplantation and hospital communities. It utilizes the proven methodology of the “Breakthrough Collaborative” developed by IHI. In a collaborative, health leaders work together in an intensive “all-teach, all-learn” format over a period of months to improve performance outcomes, based on the best practices of peers who have already achieved high results.

For more information on the initiative, contact the HRSA Office of Communications at (301) 443-3376. For detailed information on hospital donation rates, see www.ustransplant.org.



(1) Standing alongside a “Contract Results” signed by all meeting participants are Kern Medical Center’s William Meyer, PhD, MD and Toni Smith, MSN, RN, C, Vice President of Patient Care Services with OneLegacy hospital account executive Robin McNabb, RN, BSN, CCRN. (2) Strategizing are (l to r) Carla Talley-Hentz, Hospital Account Executive for OneLegacy; Kisa Barrett, RN, Manager of ICU, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center; Cheryl Bode, Director of Corporate Operations for OneLegacy; McNabb; and Smith.

INTERNATIONAL: Exchanges with Germany OPO Lead Way

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OneLegacy to participate in an international research study between Germany, Japan and the U.S. focusing on genetic factors in transplantation success. OneLegacy’s Medical Advisory Board is

currently reviewing the opportunity. In the meantime, OneLegacy welcomed a visit from Dr. Detlef Boesebeck, Regional Director of the DSO in Bavaria, Germany.

According to Stadtler, the relationship

will continue to grow with Mike Rosson, RN, OneLegacy’s Inland Empire Regional Director, who is scheduled to present at the 2004 Annual Meeting for Transplant Liaisons in Munich.

T.J.: "The right—and only—thing to do."

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meant giving the families of these babies hope, and possibly stopping them from having to go through this terrible nightmare that we were now faced with!

T.J.'s legacy includes Taylor Williams and Joshua Diaz, who will be turning

eight years old in just ten days! All three of our families decided to meet, and that emotional experience is difficult to put into words. We continue to keep in touch, and all of us have shared our experiences to help others make informed decisions about organ and tissue donation.

EYE CARE: Nurses Make a Difference

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taken and followed by intensive antibiotic therapy. However, once the cornea is infected, even the best treatment often leaves residual scarring that creates visual problems if the patient survives, or renders the donated tissue unacceptable for transplantation.

Exposure of the corneas and secondary infection can be avoided if the antibiotic or lubricating ointment is applied every four to six hours around the clock. Place about one quarter to one half inch or more of ointment (as it comes out of the tube) inside the lower eyelid. Then gently close the eye to warm and spread the medication. The following ointments are suggested in order of preference:

- ophthalmic anti-biotic ointment (Polysporin, Chloro-mycetin, or Neosporin)

- ophthalmic lubricating ointment (Refresh PM, Tears Renewed, or Dura-tears)
- pure petroleum jelly

It is also helpful to tape the eyelids shut. Attach wide tape (at least one inch) to the cheek and stretch it tightly to the center of the forehead. This will ensure complete eyelid closure and will prevent drying.

It is vital to protect the eyes of comatose patients. If the patient does not survive to appreciate your excellent care, a healthy cornea is potentially available for donation and the transplant recipient will be grateful for your thoughtful time and attention.

Mike Thomas, Hospital Account Executive for OneLegacy Inland Empire, may be reached at mthomas@onelegacy.org.

In Brief

Three "Fields of Gold" Donor Ceremonies Slated for Early 2004

Families of organ and tissue donors throughout the Greater Los Angeles area will gather to honor their loved ones at three donor recognition ceremonies next February and March. The ceremonies will be held on February 29th at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, March 14th at UCLA, and March 28th at Loma Linda University.



Donor families within the previous 18 months who have not

previously attended a ceremony will be invited. Also welcomed to the invitation-only events will be transplant recipients, OneLegacy Ambassadors and hospital staff who have been touched by donation. Invitations will be mailed at the beginning of January.

For more information about OneLegacy's donor ceremonies and other family support services, contact Jeff Fleming at (213) 401-1229 or jfleming@onelegacy.org.



Ambassadors Speak Up

In October, 25 OneLegacy Ambassadors participated in the first Advanced Speakers Training Workshop. Pete Radigan (back row, second from left) and Jack Locicero (front row, far right) of Transplant Speakers International (TSI) facilitated the all-day workshop, which focused on storytelling techniques, presentation structure and strategies to secure community speaking engagements.

Tenaya Wallace, Community Programs Supervisor for OneLegacy, plans to have TSI return for a second training workshop next spring.

Organ Donor Referral Data

Hospital	Organ Referrals	Organ Donors	Organs Transpl'd
INLAND EMPIRE			
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	49	12	42
Barstow Community Hospital	1	0	0
Chino Valley Medical Center	3	0	0
Community Hospital of San Bernardino	20	0	0
Corona Regional Medical Center	3	0	0
Doctor's Hospital Medical Center of Montclair	1	0	0
Desert Regional Medical Center	23	2	7
Eisenhower Memorial Hospital	10	1	3
Hemet Valley Medical Center	4	0	0
Hi-Desert Medical Center	2	0	0
Inland Valley Regional Medical Center	3	0	0
Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center	2	0	0
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	6	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center	57	3	6
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center	7	0	0
Loma Linda University Medical Center	74	23	79
Menifee Valley Medical Center	3	0	0
Moreno Valley Community Hospital	2	0	0
Palo Verde Hospital	2	0	0
Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center	11	0	0
Rancho Springs Medical Center	9	1	5
Redlands Community Hospital	3	0	0
Riverside Community Hospital	42	5	27
Riverside County Regional Med Center	41	3	15
San Antonio Community Hospital	14	1	3
San Geronimo Memorial Hospital	3	0	0
St. Bernardine Medical Center	56	1	6
St. Mary Regional Medical Center	2	0	0
Twenty-Nine Palms Naval Hospital	1	0	0
Victor Valley Community Hospital	2	0	0
KERN COUNTY			
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	5	1	2
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	20	2	4
Delano Regional Medical Center	2	0	0
Kern Medical Center	30	6	22
Mercy Hospital	33	1	2
Ridgecrest Community Hospital	1	0	0
San Joaquin Community Hospital	15	1	2
LOS ANGELES CENTRAL			
Alhambra Hospital	3	0	0
Brotman Medical Center	14	0	0
California Hospital Medical Center	20	1	3
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	30	2	10
Century City Hospital	2	0	0
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	19	2	9
Citrus Valley MC-Inter-Community Campus	10	1	1
Citrus Valley Med Ctr - Queen of the Valley Campus	16	3	10
Garfield Medical Center	12	0	0
Good Samaritan Hospital	7	0	0
Greater El Monte Community Hospital	6	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center	10	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center	50	6	18
Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center	5	0	0
Midway Hospital Medical Center	3	1	3
Monterey Park Hospital	2	0	0
Pacific Alliance Hospital	1	0	0
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	20	6	17

Hospital	Organ Referrals	Organ Donors	Organs Transpl'd
Queen of Angels/Hollywood Presbyterian Med Ctr	6	0	0
San Dimas Community Hospital	1	0	0
San Gabriel Valley Medical Center	10	0	0
St. John's Hospital and Health Center	3	1	2
St. Vincent Medical Center	2	0	0
UCLA Medical Center - Santa Monica	2	0	0
USC University Medical Center	8	1	4
White Memorial Medical Center	10	1	3
LOS ANGELES METRO			
LA County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	25	5	21
LA County King/Drew Medical Center	58	7	28
LAC + USC Medical Center	115	17	59
LOS ANGELES NORTH			
Northridge Hospital Medical Center - Roscoe	27	8	33
Antelope Valley Hospital	26	0	0
Community Memorial Hospital of San Buenaventura	6	1	2
Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center, Tarzana	2	1	3
Foothill Presbyterian Hospital - Johnson Memorial	2	0	0
Glendale Adventist Medical Center	9	0	0
Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center	5	1	4
Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital	1	0	0
Granada Hills Community Hospital	1	0	0
Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital	9	3	9
Huntington Hospital	19	3	8
Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Medical Center	4	1	3
Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Medical Center	15	0	0
Lompoc District Hospital	3	0	0
Los Angeles County Olive View/UCLA Medical Center	4	0	0
Los Robles Regional Medical Center	1	0	0
Marian Medical Center	10	1	3
Methodist Hospital of Southern California	13	0	0
Monrovia Community Hospital	1	0	0
Ojai Valley Community Hospital	1	0	0
Providence Holy Cross Medical Center	34	11	39
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital	15	6	30
Santa Paula Memorial Hospital	1	0	0
Santa Teresita Hospital	3	0	0
Sherman Oaks Hospital and Health Center	2	0	0
Simi Valley Hospital and Health Care Services	6	1	5
St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital	2	0	0
St. John's Regional Medical Center	13	3	11
St. Joseph Medical Center	10	1	3
UCLA Medical Center - Westwood	55	10	31
Valley Presbyterian Hospital	9	1	1
Ventura County Medical Center	19	3	10
Verdugo Hills Hospital	6	0	0
West Hills Regional Medical Center	1	0	0
LOS ANGELES SOUTH			
Beverly Hospital	4	1	1
Centinela Hospital Medical Center	15	4	11
Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital	18	4	10
Downey Regional Medical Center	12	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center	5	1	2
Kaiser Permanente Harbor City Medical Center	6	1	8
Lakewood Regional Hospital	6	1	3
Little Company of Mary - San Pedro Hospital	11	0	0
Little Company of Mary Hospital	19	2	6

January 1 to September 30, 2003

Hospital	Organ Referrals	Organ Donors	Organs Transpl'd
Long Beach Community Medical Center	4	0	0
Long Beach Memorial Med Ctr/Miller Children's Hospital	29	10	24
Memorial Hospital of Gardena	8	3	10
Pacific Hospital Long Beach	2	0	0
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	5	2	6
Robert F. Kennedy Medical Center	10	2	0
St. Francis Medical Center	36	12	44
St. Mary Medical Center	25	0	0
Suburban Medical Center	1	0	0
Torrance Memorial Medical Center	10	1	6
Whittier Hospital Medical Center	2	1	3
ORANGE COUNTY			
South Coast Medical Center	5	0	0
Anaheim Memorial Medical Center	6	0	0
Brea Community Hospital	1	0	0
CHOC at Mission	2	1	4
Chapman Medical Center	1	1	5
Childrens Hospital of Orange County	10	1	4
Coastal Communities Hospital	1	0	0
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Medical Center	28	0	0

Hospital	Organ Referrals	Organ Donors	Organs Transpl'd
Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center	6	0	0
Hoag Hospital	16	0	0
Huntington Beach Hospital	7	1	3
Kaiser Permanente Anaheim Medical Center	35	4	7
Kindred Hospital Westminster	1	0	0
Los Alamitos Medical Center	5	0	0
Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center	12	3	7
Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center	3	0	0
Placentia Linda Community Hospital	2	0	0
Saddleback Memorial Medical Center	10	1	3
San Clemente Hospital and Medical Center	5	0	0
St. Joseph Hospital, Orange	8	0	0
St. Jude Medical Center	6	1	2
Tustin Hospital and Medical Center	1	0	0
UCI Medical Center	66	10	33
West Anaheim Medical Center	6	1	3
Western Medical Center - Anaheim	2	0	0
Western Medical Center - Santa Ana	45	8	23
TOTAL	1,885	249	836

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

National Kidney Foundation's U.S. Transplant Games

The U.S. Transplant Games is a four-day athletic competition for recipients of organ and bone marrow transplants. As much as the Games is an athletic event that calls attention to the success of organ and tissue transplantation, it is also a celebration of life among recipients, their families and friends.

The 2002 Games saw a record 10,000 athletes and supporters converge on Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando. Donor family liaisons were added to the team structure and donor families were actively recruited as official team members. Also introduced at the 2002 Games was "Transitions in Transplantation," a special program providing educational support and guidance to those who are involved with and affected by the organ donation process and transplantation. A cadre of celebrities attended the event and worked with the media to bring the issue of organ donation to the general public.

For Jatin Bhakta, a 23-year-old student at the University of Phoenix and member of Team Southern California, his first Transplant Games was a life-changing event. "It was great meeting all of the different athletes," Jatin says. "It's inspirational and



Team Southern California shows their pride at the 2002 U.S. Transplant Games in Orlando. The 2004 Games will be staged in Minnesota next July.

makes me want to do all I can to stay healthy so that I can compete again." Jatin was born with a kidney problem, one that was not detected until he was 18 months old. Luckily for Jatin, his mother was a perfect match and became a living donor.

Jatin's teammate Thomas Elias has competed in the Games since 1998. In 2002, Thomas competed in swimming and volleyball. "The great thing about the Games is that you're no longer alone as a transplant recipient," says Thomas. "You're with an utterly remarkable bunch of survivors."

What's the best thing about the Transplant Games? It's a vivid reminder of life. "Until you've had an organ fail, and been on some kind of life support, you don't know how precious life is," says Thomas. "I feel better than I have in 30 years." Jatin agrees, adding: "After a transplant, there's so much more you can do. It's the best feeling in the world."

For more information about the Games and team Southern California, contact team manager Jeanette Martinez at the National Kidney Foundation of Southern California, (800) 747-5527.

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