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The Bridge

The community newsletter of OneLegacy, the non-profit organ and tissue recovery organization serving the greater Los Angeles area.

Donate Life California Launches High School Education Program

Donate Life California (DLC), which administers the state's organ and tissue donor registry in California, recently announced the launch of its first educational program geared at helping high school students make informed decisions about signing up to become organ and tissue donors when applying for their first driver's license. The launch coincided with National Donate Life Month, which was established in 2003 to encourage and educate Americans throughout the month of April about the importance of becoming an organ and tissue donor.

When California teenagers obtain their first driver's license, they are presented with the question, "Do you wish to register to be an organ and tissue donor?" To ensure students have the knowledge they need to make an informed decision, DLC has produced an eleven-minute educational video and accompanying teacher's guide suitable for use in high school classrooms. The video, titled "Your Decision to Donate," features California high school students who have either received a transplant, are on the waiting list, or have had a family member become a donor.

"Most of the information that teenagers now receive about organ and tissue donation is from dramatic TV shows that too often advance plot lines at the cost of accuracy," said Lisa Stocks,

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Katya Todesco

Katya Teresa Todesco was born on November 7, 2002. Katy was an extraordinary little girl. No words can ever fully describe what her life meant to anyone who knew her.

Katya was very happy, sensitive, intelligent, remarkably kind, loving, playful, sparkling, and bustling with energy. Katya's eyes sparkled with an overflowing and generous love for people and life. She wanted to be both a cowgirl and a teacher. She enjoyed going on bike rides with her daddy and pushing her scooter around the neighborhood. Her life and spirit were bursting with love.

She enjoyed music and dancing ever since she was very young. Katya's precise rhythm was influenced by her dad, Milo Todesco, who is an active musician/drummer. Katya's dancing teacher said, "She was the best!" Katya

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Organ Donation Opportunities Are Increasingly Rare – and Precious

BY TOM MONE

Over the past ten years, OneLegacy and the Southern California health care community have contributed to a 60% increase in organ donation, the largest such regional increase, at three times the rate of increase nationwide. However, two years ago this dramatic improvement slowed considerably due to a decline in the number of potential donors in our hospitals. Thus, despite a record-setting 67% donation consent rate, in 2010 OneLegacy saw a 9% decline in the number of donors.

The decline in organ donors is directly related to some very good news: last year trauma deaths in Southern California were down 20% from 2009

Measure	2008	2009	2010
Eligible Referrals	604	516	468
Actual Donors	400	382	349
Total Organs Transplanted	1,234	1,182	1,101
Organs Transplanted per Donor	3.09	3.09	3.15

The sharp decline in eligible deaths in OneLegacy's service area translates into fewer actual donors despite a record high consent rate.

and are approaching 20 year lows due to double-digit declines in traffic deaths and homicides. We are not alone: across the country, most of the large urban areas saw 5% to 25% declines in trauma deaths and donors.

Because organ donation is almost

always preceded by a traumatic head injury, when trauma deaths decrease, so do the opportunities for organ donation. This means every donation opportunity is critically important. Hospitals and OneLegacy implement policies and best practices to preserve and honor

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Employee Spotlight: Michael Romero

Michael Romero likens being a Procurement Transplant Coordinator (PTC) to being the captain of a ship, or the pilot of a plane. PTCs begin their journey when hospitals call OneLegacy with a referral. "We get activated and basically determine the suitability of the referral. If it's appropriate, we go on-site, meet with nurses, meet with donation champions, make sure the patient meets clinical criteria and is a candidate for organ donation, and then wait until it becomes proper to approach the family. At that point we're also dealing with the rest of the hospital staff – O.R., Laboratory, Diagnostics – making sure everybody is on board. Up until it's time for recovery, we're also talking to transplant centers during the organ allocation part of the process; we're speaking with different centers, answering clinical questions they may have, if they want to make



suggestions or have certain management goals they'd like to achieve, then we'll make that happen. We also supervise the process of organ recovery to make

sure that they are recovered correctly by the appropriate teams for where they need to go. It's a long process and a very collaborative process that all starts with the hospital."

It was his position at USC University Hospital in the Cardiothoracic Unit where he saw heart and lung transplant recipients that inspired him to work for OneLegacy. "It was very powerful for me to see how sick people were; the transplants were so life-changing for them. Six months later

they would come back to say thank you and I wouldn't recognize them because they just looked so different. When you see them at their worst, when they're very ill and to see them six months later, back to normal, walking like nothing happened, it was so powerful for me."

Even though Michael enjoys the life-saving mission of his work at OneLegacy, it's not always easy. "We deal with a lot of death and some of the most difficult situations we deal with are the pediatric cases. I spend a lot of time trying to recuperate out of that reality. The reality is death is a part of life, but I think we see it more than anyone else. Yet I think the balance that I find is from knowing that when that organ is being removed from someone, it's a new beginning. It's a new life for someone else."

More Organs Available for Transplant When ICU Docs Help Care for Donors, Finds UPMC Study

More than twice as many lungs and nearly 50 percent more kidneys could be recovered for transplant operations if intensive care physicians were to work with organ procurement organization (OPO) coordinators to monitor and manage donor bodies after brain death has occurred, according to an analysis by University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine physicians that is now in the online version of the American Journal of Transplantation.

After a patient who has consented to be an organ donor is declared brain dead, an OPO coordinator takes over medical management and intensive care unit (ICU) physicians typically are no longer involved, explained lead author Kai Singbartl, M.D., assistant professor of critical care medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a UPMC intensivist. The OPO coordinators follow established protocols to maintain tissues and organs for eventual transplant.

"Our analysis shows an intensivist at the donor's bedside who aids and advises the OPO coordinator can result in a greater likelihood of recovering organs that are deemed acceptable for transplant, which would mean that each donor could help us save more lives," he said. "The gap between the number of people on waiting lists and the number of available organs is growing, so measures that increase the pool of organs are very much needed."

In 2008, UPMC Presbyterian implemented an intensivist-led organ donor support team (ODST) approach in which after a potential organ donor was declared brain dead, one of six dedicated intensivists, who did not provide care for the donor prior to death, joined the OPO coordinator at



the bedside. Standard protocols were supported by physician interventions, such as adjustments to optimize oxygenation and meticulously balance blood pressure and flow, fluids and other bodily functions to optimize the likelihood of sustaining as many organs as possible for transplant.

"The number of donors in our study is not large enough to determine whether a particular medical intervention played a key role, but it's very clear from our experience that this team approach did make a difference," Dr. Singbartl said.

Data from adult brain dead donors between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 was compared to data from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, before the ODST approach had been used. In the earlier time period, 31 percent, or 66 out of 210 potentially available organs were transplanted. In the ODST period, 44 percent, or 113 out of 258 potentially available organs were transplanted.

Most of the increase after implementation of the ODST approach was due to a more than 200% increase in transplanted lungs and a nearly 50% percent increase in transplanted kidneys. Heart and liver transplant rates did not change significantly.

"Conversion of medically unsuitable donors into actual donors, better resuscitation of unstable donors, optimization of organ function, and improved communication between OPO staff, ICU team and transplant surgeons" or the combination of these factors likely contributed to success and should be further evaluated, the researchers said.

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Organ Donation Data

Following are key OneLegacy performance indicators for the first half of 2010 and the first four months of 2011. (Source: OneLegacy data)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2010	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	2011
Referrals	1279	1283	1283	1305	5150	464	438	510	506	1918
Eligible Referrals	116	122	126	121	485	40	44	55	51	190
Donors Recovered	80	81	100	88	349	32	29	46	30	137
Overall Consent Rate	61%	63%	74%	70%	67%	69%	65%	79%	74%	72%
Conversion Rate	64%	63%	74%	71%	68%	70%	60%	81%	60%	67%
Organs Recovered	276	300	368	293	1237	103	89	153	106	451
Organs Transplanted	250	275	333	243	1101	87	74	121	98	380
Organs T'planted/Donor	3.13	3.40	3.33	2.76	3.15	2.72	2.55	2.63	3.27	2.77
Kidneys Recovered	143	152	192	169	656	56	52	86	56	250
Kidneys Transplanted	121	130	163	128	542	43	39	59	51	192
Hearts Transplanted	24	34	37	27	122	6	8	10	7	31
Livers Transplanted	59	61	78	60	258	20	16	34	25	95
Lungs Transplanted	37	30	40	19	126	11	9	15	10	45
Pancreas Transplanted	9	20	15	9	53	6	2	3	4	15
Small Int Transplanted	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2

ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAITING LIST DATA

	California	USA
Kidney	16,750	88,477
Liver	3,359	16,186
Pancreas	110	1,369
Kidney/Pancreas	397	2,213
Heart	192	3,152
Lung	194	1,793
Heart/Lung	11	65
Intestine	35	259
Total	20,573	110,849

Source: UNOS. Based on OPTN data as of 4/29/11

El Puente

Una sección especial
para la comunidad latina



Cónsul de El Salvador se inscribe para ser donante de órganos y tejidos

El Cónsul General en Los Angeles de la República de El Salvador, el licenciado Walter Durán, se inscribió para ser donante de órganos y tejidos en el estado de California durante un homenaje a donantes salvadoreños realizado por el registro estatal Done Vida California.

Al inscribirse, el Cónsul resaltó la necesidad de donantes en el estado, ya que más de 20,000 personas esperan hoy un trasplante de órganos. Desafortunadamente, debido a la diabetes y la hipertensión entre los latinos, son los que lideran esta lista con más de 7,500 pacientes.

Es la primera vez que un alto

representante del cuerpo diplomático de un país iberoamericano se inscribe públicamente para ser donante, un gesto que realizó para inspirar a los más de 410,000 salvadoreños que viven en el área metropolitana de Los Angeles a salvar vidas.

En California, la necesidad de trasplantes es mucho mayor que el número de donantes, si comparamos las miles de personas en espera con los 800 donantes que hubo el año pasado. Se calcula que de este número, casi el 40% fueron latinos, generosos a la hora de salvar vidas mediante el regalo



de la donación. Aunque se desconocen cifras por nacionalidad, entre ellos se contaron numerosos salvadoreños.

“Muchas familias salvadoreñas, en el peor momento, cuando perdieron

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Embajadores de Done Vida en Desfile 2010 de la Independencia de México



viva mi corazón es mexicano, después te lo dono a ti”.

Se calcula que a lo largo de la avenida César Chávez se reúnen más de 300,000 personas para disfrutar del desfile anual, una ocasión excelente para llevar el mensaje de la donación al corazón de nuestra comunidad.

Entre los embajadores presentes se encontraban mexicanos que se han beneficiado o han compartido el regalo de vida. Entre ellos: Jesús Nava, recipiente de un trasplante de corazón; Norma Araos, que lleva en tratamiento de diálisis desde hace cuatro años y está en espera de un trasplante de riñón; Sergio Gómez, a quien su hermana le donó un riñón en vida; María Carrillo, cuyo hijo fue donante de órganos tras fallecer; así como otros trasplantados y familiares de donantes que han dado el regalo de vida.

Recipientes de trasplantes de órganos, sus seres queridos y familiares de donantes de órganos y tejidos que forman parte del grupo de voluntarios Embajadores de Done Vida participaron en el Desfile 2010 de la Independencia de México en el Este de Los Angeles, celebrado en septiembre del año pasado.

Los embajadores celebraron tanto la gran fecha patriótica de la nación vecina como la independencia que han recuperado muchos beneficiarios de trasplante tras reanudar una vida sana. Para la ocasión, desfilaron en un autobús de dos pisos, que lucía una gran pancarta donde podía leerse “Mientras

Eight Million Californians say YES!

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Donate Life California (DLC) have announced that more than eight million Californians have now registered as organ and tissue donors through the state's Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry, a 33 percent increase in only 12 months (March 2010 – March 2011). In 2010, an average of one in three DMV customers said 'Yes' to donation, which is up from 2006 when only one in five DMV customers was saying 'Yes' to donation. The surge in registrations on the Donate Life California Registry is due predominately to continuing education about donation and the convenience for Californians to sign up as donors at the same time that they apply for or renew driver licenses or I.D. cards at the DMV.

"Since the registry was introduced in April 2005, donors who had registered prior to death have saved more than 1,300 lives through organ donation and healed more than 75,000 through cornea and tissue donation," stated Lisa Stocks, president of Donate Life California, the non-profit organization created in 2004 to administer the state-authorized donor registry. "In so doing, they are helping to give hope to the more than 21,000 Californians who are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant."

One of these is Brother Dan Palmer of Sacramento, a 49 year-old singer/songwriter who was listed on the national transplant waiting list in 2009 after almost dying from complications of end-stage liver disease. Although he

is currently doing well, Palmer knows that in order for him to continue to survive and to live to see his dreams come true he will need a liver transplant.

"Every day I live with the fact that one of out of every three people waiting for a lifesaving transplant will die while waiting," said Palmer. "I'm grateful for the generosity of the eight million who have signed up to give life... they give me hope that I can continue singing my songs."

"Nearly 7,000 DMV customers a day are checking 'Yes' on their DMV forms to register as organ and tissue donors," said DMV Director George Valverde. "We are humbled by our role in helping to make a difference in the lives of thousands of Californians. We encourage Californians to check 'Yes' to be a donor every time they apply for or renew their license – each 'Yes' that is checked can potentially save someone's life."

Director Valverde further noted, "Beginning July 1, 2011, all driver license application forms will include two check boxes specific to organ donation to further clarify the applicant's intent: (A) Yes, add my name to the donor registry, or (B), I do not wish to register at this time."

The shortage of organs is not due simply to a lack of giving, but rather to the rarity with which the opportunity to donate organs presents itself. Less than one percent of deaths qualify for organ donation. That's why every single opportunity to donate counts.

Eight-year-old Kourtney Najjar of San Diego was diagnosed at 15 months of age with neurogenic pseudo obstruction, an uncommon disease that caused intestinal and pancreatic failure. After years of prolonged hospital stays, Kourtney received a rare three organ transplant (small and large bowel as well as the pancreas) on July 21, 2010, the day before her eighth birthday. Unfortunately, Kourtney then went into severe acute rejection and was re-listed on the national transplant waiting list on October 1, 2010. Kourtney has been at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA for eight months, waiting to receive her second gift of life.

"Knowing that eight million people in California are willing to save someone's life, the life of someone like Kourtney, is inspiring to me," said Laura Najjar, Kourtney's mother. "I have no words to express what this means to my family other than 'thank you.'"

Najjar went on to add, "Because a family made the decision to donate their child's organs during a tragic and painful time in their lives, my daughter was given hope and a chance to be pain free. The only way to describe donors and donor families is as super heroes."

Although Donate Life California has more registered donors than any other state donor registry, when offered the opportunity to register as donors a relatively low percentage of Californians choose to do so. Of the 26 million licensed drivers and ID holders, only 30

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percent have signed up to be organ and tissue donors.

"We each have the power to make a difference in the lives of individuals like Dan and Kourtney by registering as organ and tissue donors online or through the DMV," added Stocks. "Registering as a donor helps ensure that your wishes are followed after you're gone. Being able to honor a loved one's wishes is much easier for a family than trying to guess what someone would have wanted."

Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry is the nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry which records the decision to donate in a secure, confidential database that is searched by authorized organ and tissue recovery personnel at the time of an actual donation opportunity. It is administered by Donate Life California and California's four nonprofit, federally designated organ recovery organizations: California Transplant Donor Network, Golden State Donor Services, Lifesharing and OneLegacy. As a state-authorized public service, the registry assures that all personal information is kept confidential and stored in a secure database, accessible only to authorized organ and tissue recovery personnel.

For more information about the Donate Life California Registry, the process, and how donation saves and improves lives, please visit:

www.dmv.ca.gov/about/donateLife/donateLife.htm

www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org
or in Spanish at
www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org

Salvadoran Consul General in L.A. Registers as an Organ & Tissue Donor

BY ELENA DE LA CRUZ

Walter Durán, the Consul General of El Salvador in Los Angeles, registered to be an organ and tissue donor in the State of California during a joint event with OneLegacy held last October.

Los Angeles, with a population that includes more than 410,000 Salvadorans, is considered to be the second largest Salvadoran city in the world. The consul, whose jurisdiction extends to six counties in Southern California and Hawaii, wanted to inspire his nationals to register as donors.

During the event, Mr. Durán highlighted the need for transplantation in the Latino community, which leads all ethnic groups with more than 7,500 patients of the 20,000 on the waiting list in California.

Apart from being the first Latin American consul in Southern California to publicly register as a donor, Duran has also opened the doors of his consulate to promote the Donate Life California registry in all their health

outreach efforts.

The families of Marco Arana and Sebastian Castro, two Salvadoran donors honored with florographs on the 2011 Donate Life Rose Parade Float, were also present at the event to be recognized for their contribution to the gift of life.

Marco Arana was 28 years old when he was killed in a car accident. He saved five lives after donating his heart, kidneys, liver and lungs. Sebastian Castro was 62 years old when he died of a brain aneurysm and saved three lives. He had told his family of his wishes to be a donor when he learned first hand of the suffering of kidney patients on dialysis treatments.

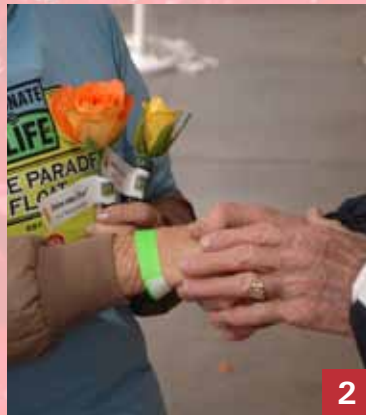
Claudia Sánchez, a Salvadoran national who suffered diabetes since her birth and now has a kidney and pancreas transplant, also spoke at the event: "I give thanks to all donors for the hope and the life they give back every day. Without them, I could have never lived a healthy life, something I had never experienced before my transplant."



Salvadoran donor families take front row during the press conference at the El Salvador Consulate, where the Consul General registered as an organ and tissue donor.

2011 Donate Life Rose Parade Float Seizes New Year's Day

Donate Life's eighth Rose Parade float entry, the kite-filled, Theme Trophy-winning "Seize the Day!" featured 26 riders, four walkers, and 60 floragraph portraits of organ, eye and tissue donors. The front of the float also featured more than 2,000 dedicated roses with personal messages of love, hope, and remembrance. The 2012 Donate Life Rose Parade Float theme and design will be unveiled on June 14 at www.donatelifefloat.org.



(1) The Asian community celebrates their decorating day at Phoenix Decorating Co. Rosemont Pavilion. (2) Thousands of dedicated roses carry messages of love, hope and remembrance. (3) The family of Keith Walton poses with his completed floragraph portrait. (4) "Seize the Day!" won the Theme Trophy in recognition of the float's emotional appeal. (5) Donate Life's "Class of 2011" lines up for the traditional pre-Parade photo. (6) Float riders inspire hundreds of thousands of spectators. (7) Memorial floragraphs of 60 organ, eye, and tissue donors were featured on the tails of the float's soaring kites.

2011 Donate Life Run/Walk Attracts 10,000 Participants

April's National Donate Life Month closed with the ninth annual Donate Life Run/Walk at Cal State Fullerton. The largest Donate Life community event in the country, the event welcomed over 10,000 participants, including 200 donor families and dozens of hospital and corporate teams. In addition to a new more spacious on-campus location, participants were treated to performances by American Idol finalists Tim Urban and Katie Stevens and Grammy winners All-4-One ("I Swear"). Mark your calendar for the 2012 Donate Life Run Walk on April 28, 2012!



(1) The starting line buzzes with anticipation as walkers wait for the signal to begin. (2) The Circle of Life Garden is a gathering place for donor families who place a commemorative sign to honor their loved ones. (3) Elected officials, celebrities and specially honored donor families gather for a VIP photo. (4) Donor family teams create unique ways to honor their loved ones. (5) Team USC Transplant Institute was one of 28 hospital teams (totalling 670 participants) and 25 community teams of 25 or more that came out in force to Cal State Fullerton.

Spreading Inspiration and Education In Southern California

Inspiring the residents of the OneLegacy service area to Donate Life can seem like a monumental task, but thanks to the help of the Donate Life Ambassadors, hospital partners, and community partners our message of hope and new life is spreading across Southern California. These photographs highlight just a few of the events that have taken place this year, and there are a lot more headed your way. For more information check the OneLegacy calendar of events at www.OneLegacy.org.



(1) The students of St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood listen to Donate Life speakers at the launch of the Donate Life California High School Education Program. (2) Riverside Community Hospital unveiled its Tree of Life Memorial in a ceremony in January. (3) Tyson Fieldstead of San Joaquin Community Hospital shot a hole-in-one and won a car at the second annual JJ's Legacy Golf Tournament in Bakersfield in March. (4) Cedars-Sinai Medical Center hosted a drive to recruit donors this April. (5) Donate Life's presence was felt this past January at the Kingdom Day Parade in South Los Angeles. (6) The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation held a press conference to announce their national partnership with the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations in March.

Bringing Home Valuable Lessons from the National Learning Congress

In 2003, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) began the National Learning Congress (NLC) as a forum to share best practices and achieve increases in the number of organs available for transplant. And it has worked.

At the most recent NLC in November 2010, Organ Procurement Organizations (OPOs), hospitals and transplant centers across the U.S. joined together as a "community of practice" by teaching and learning from each other.

Dr. Darren Malinoski, OneLegacy Board of Advisors member, NLC Co-Chair, Donate Life America Board Member and Director of Surgical Critical Care at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, ignited this community during the opening plenary session.

Dr. Malinoski began by presenting the audience with a well-understood mathematical equation known as the Transitive Property as a way of understanding the importance of honoring a patient's registered wishes to be a donor.

This property states that if $A=B$ and $B=C$, then $A=C$. Basic high school math, we all remember it.

In this case A is a patient's donor designation (signing up as a donor on their state registry), B is an advance directive and C is the hospital's obligation. So:

If Donor designation \approx Advance directive

And Advance directive = Hospital obligation

Then Donor designation = Hospital obligation

This very simple statement, that honoring a patient's registered wishes to be an organ and tissue donor is the hospital's obligation, made a huge impact on this audience of organ procurement professionals and donor hospitals.

Dr. Malinoski went a step further and argued that the ICU has an essential role in assuring that donation is a possibility. "Good patient care is good donor care," he remarked and shared with the group that the critical care team should work diligently to not only save lives but also to "preserve the option of donation in the ICU. By maintaining normal critical care practices, we can improve donation outcomes," says Malinoski; furthermore he emphasized, "donation is good for our patients and their families" and

hospitals should remember that the majority of people want to donate.

Assuring that patients have the possibility to donate is a way for the critical care team to continue their care, not only



for the family but for the thousands waiting for a second chance at life. "We have also seen that having trauma surgeons active on donor councils leads to a dramatic increase in referrals, timely notifications and Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD)," continues Malinoski.

The importance of timely notification can not be emphasized enough. Dr. Malinoski highlighted PowerPoint slides showing conversion rates increase from 57.5% to 70.5% with timely notification. With a decline in eligible donors and waiting list that increases daily, it becomes imperative for donor hospitals and OPOs to partner to maximize the gift of organ donation.

Honoring donor designation, timely referrals, preserving the option of donation in the ICU and actively involving critical care physicians on donor councils were Dr. Malinoski's recommendations for assuring that together we can save more lives.

And remember, $A=B=C$...



KATYA: A Young Heart Gives Hope

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liked doing gymnastics, singing, and she was always a joy to be around.

Katya's kindergarten and 1st grade teacher said, "Katya was everyone's best friend." She was always eager to help her classmates and outside the classroom always loved sharing her snacks. She was very loving to her family and friends. She was so kind, helping homeless people every time her mom would take her to volunteer with her at a homeless shelter in her hometown of Simi Valley. Katya's joyful spirit inspired people to smile and her laughter was contagious.

In September 2008, Katya was killed by a neighbor's pit bull. At that

time, Katya's kidneys, liver and heart were donated through OneLegacy and transplanted into four people, three of them children. Katya's heart went to Kyle, a boy of same age as Katya, who was waiting at UCLA Medical Center to receive the heart transplant.

This past December, Kyle and his family came to Pasadena to help Katya's family decorate Katya's floragraph, which appeared on the 2011 Donate Life Rose Parade Float.

Katya and Kyle's families know that Katya's precious heart went from one beautiful soul to another...and what a beautiful difference one single life made.



Katya's mother, Katia, joins heart recipient Kyle and his family to decorate a 2011 Donate Life Rose Parade float floragraph honoring Katya at a special floragraph decorating event held at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where Katya was a donor.

CÓNSUL: Comunidad Salvadoreña dona vida

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a un ser querido, fueron capaces de pensar en un extraño que sufría y al que podían ayudar. Son un ejemplo de generosidad y humanidad que hoy les agradecemos profundamente", afirmó Sonia Navarro, portavoz de Done Vida California, durante el acto de inscripción del cónsul.

En el evento fueron honradas las familias de Marco Arana y Sebastian Castro, donantes salvadoreños cuyos retratos florales desfilaron en la carroza Done Vida California en el Desfile de las Rosas del 2011.

Marco Arana tenía 28 años cuando falleció en un accidente de tráfico. Arana salvó cinco vidas tras donar su corazón, riñones, hígado y pulmón. Sebastian Castro tenía 62 años cuando falleció de un derrame cerebral y salvó tres vidas tras donar dos riñones y su hígado.

Claudia Sánchez, una salvadoreña que sufrió de diabetes desde la niñez y recuperó la salud gracias a un trasplante doble de riñón y páncreas, agradeció a estas y otras familias donantes su regalo de vida: "Les doy las gracias a todos los donantes por la esperanza y la vida que devuelven todos los días. Sin ellos, yo nunca podría haber tenido una vida saludable".



Hostess Nicci Faires guides teens through the world of organ donation by speaking to transplant surgeons, recipients, and donor families in "Your Decision to Donate."

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president of DLC. According to DLC data, young drivers (between the ages of 15 and 19) have been less likely to register as organ and tissue donors than those 20 to 49. Clerks at the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) report uncertainty or fear about the donation process among teenagers and their parents when it comes to the donation question on the driver license application.

In keeping with the goal of preparing students to make informed donation decisions, DLC is sponsoring state Assembly Bill (AB) 1118 (John A. Pérez), which would require 15 minutes of donation education in high school science or health classes.

California has the largest state donor registry in the country with more than eight million designated donors. But it also has the largest waiting list with more than 21,000 transplant candidates.

Californians lag behind most of the nation when offered the opportunity to register. Of the 26 million licensed drivers and ID holders, only 30 percent have signed up to be organ and tissue donors. In 2010, only 27.4 percent of DMV customers checked 'Yes' on their forms to register as donors.

Despite the state's lower donor registration rates, the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry plays an increasingly essential role in saving and healing Californians in need of organ and tissue transplants. Since the registry was founded in April 2005, donors who had registered prior to death have saved more than 1,300 lives through organ donation and healed more than 75,000 through cornea and tissue donation.

For more information, please visit www.donateLIFecalifornia.org.

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the patient's and family's opportunity to donate. First, we recognize and honor a patient's final wishes – documented through the Donate Life California Registry – to donate organs and tissues. Such donor designations are legally binding, and with more than 8 million registered donors in our state, presentation of the donor's decision is incorporated into the end-of-life care plan for the patient.

Second, patients and their families look to expert healthcare professionals to guide and empower them through the many treatment and end-of-life decisions they face in the hospital. Sometimes these decisions seem to contradict one another, as when the decision to not resuscitate (DNR) can result in a deceleration of treatment, which then compromises the viability of organs for donation and transplant even though the patient is a registered donor. It is up to the healthcare team to balance the patient's and family's DNR decision with opportunity to save lives through organ donation by implementing policies and practices that honor both decisions.

The success of organ donation and transplantation is dependent upon exceptional end-of-life care for dying patients and their families, and the coordinated efforts of hospitals, physicians and OneLegacy. This is important, not only for families who would like to honor their loved one's last wishes, but also for the 110,000 people, and 21,000 Californians, on the organ transplant waiting list.

Donate Life Hollywood Congratulates All the Nominees for the Person of the Year Award

Jack Black

Grizz Chapman

Brad Ellis

Ann Lopez

Ryan Merriman

Visit www.DonateLifeHollywood.org after June 23 to View the Results

Sign up to be an Organ and Tissue Donor!

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www.doneVIDACalifornia.org

Hospital Referral Data

January 1 to December 31, 2010

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
KERN COUNTY				
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	1	0	0	0
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	28	1	0	0
Kern Medical Center	76	16	12	64
Mercy Hospital of Bakersfield	32	3	2	3
Mercy Southwest Hospital	15	0	0	0
San Joaquin Community Hospital	81	10	6	12
TOTAL	233	30	20	79

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
LOS ANGELES COUNTY				
Alhambra Hospital Medical Center	4	0	0	0
Antelope Valley Hospital	132	12	7	33
Bellflower Medical Center	1	0	0	0
Beverly Hospital	16	3	1	2
Brotman Medical Center	9	1	0	0
California Hospital Medical Center	76	20	15	57
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	86	4	3	7
Centinela Hospital Medical Center	103	13	10	30
CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Med Ctr	16	2	2	8
Childrens Hospital Los Angeles	27	3	3	10
Citrus Valley Med Ctr - Inter-Community	22	0	0	0
Citrus Valley Med Ctr - Queen of the Valley	27	0	0	0
City of Hope National Medical Center	2	0	0	0
Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital	4	2	1	2
Community Hospital of Long Beach	8	0	0	0
Downey Regional Medical Center	53	1	1	1
Encino Hospital Medical Center	1	0	0	0
Foothill Presbyterian Hospital	31	1	1	1
Garfield Medical Center	34	0	0	0
Glendale Adventist Medical Center	52	4	1	3
Glendale Memorial Hospital & Health Center	20	0	0	0
Good Samaritan Hospital - Los Angeles	84	8	6	15
Greater El Monte Community Hospital	3	1	1	3
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	84	9	7	30
Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital	42	6	4	11
Huntington Hospital	92	10	8	25
Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Med Ctr	40	2	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Downey Med Ctr	13	2	1	1
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Med Ctr	99	6	2	7
Kaiser Permanente Panorama City Med Ctr	22	3	1	3
Kaiser Permanente South Bay Med Ctr	20	0	0	0
Kaiser Permanente West LA Med Ctr	20	1	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills Med Ctr	26	2	2	5
Kindred Hospital Baldwin Park	1	0	0	0
Lakewood Regional Medical Center	16	1	1	1
Little Company of Mary - San Pedro	31	2	2	4

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
Little Company of Mary Hospital - Torrance	41	2	4	16
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center	78	11	7	17
Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center	179	31	26	78
Los Angeles Metropolitan Medical Center	1	0	0	0
Marina Del Rey Hospital	5	0	0	0
Memorial Hospital of Gardena	10	1	1	4
Methodist Hospital	31	5	4	7
Miller Children's Hospital	18	4	4	16
Mission Cmnty Hospital - Panorama City	2	0	0	0
Monterey Park Hospital	1	0	0	0
Northridge Hospital Medical Center	32	10	4	15
Norwalk Community Hospital	2	0	0	0
Olive View - UCLA Medical Center	15	1	1	0
Olympia Medical Center	6	0	0	0
Pacific Hospital of Long Beach	1	0	0	0
Pacifica Hospital of the Valley	1	0	0	0
Palmdale Regional Medical Center	35	0	0	0
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center	75	4	2	7
Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital	48	1	1	1
Promise Hospital of East LA - Suburban	1	0	0	0
Providence Holy Cross Medical Center	65	17	11	46
Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	59	4	2	8
Providence Tarzana Medical Center	16	2	2	3
Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center	117	14	11	35
Saint Francis Medical Center	90	21	14	60
Saint John's Health Center	5	0	0	0
Saint Mary Medical Center	36	4	2	9
Saint Vincent Medical Center	5	0	0	0
San Dimas Community Hospital	6	1	1	3
San Gabriel Valley Medical Center	9	2	0	0
Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center	14	1	1	1
Sherman Oaks Hospital	6	0	0	0
Silver Lake Medical Center	1	0	0	0
Torrance Memorial Medical Center	71	4	2	4
Tri-City Regional Medical Center	4	1	1	3
USC University Hospital	47	3	3	11
VA Long Beach Medical Center	1	0	0	0
VA West Los Angeles Medical Center	1	0	0	0
Valley Presbyterian Hospital	17	1	1	3
Verdugo Hills Hospital	1	0	0	0
Vista Hospital of South Bay	2	0	0	0
West Hills Hospital and Medical Center	18	1	1	3
White Memorial Medical Center	58	9	5	13
Whittier Hospital Medical Center	8	1	0	0
TOTAL	2556	275	191	622

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
ORANGE COUNTY				
Anaheim Regional Medical Center	46	1	1	2
Chapman Medical Center	7	0	0	0
Children's Hospital of Orange County	18	3	2	6
Children's Hospital of Orange County at Mission	3	1	1	5
Coastal Communities Hospital	9	0	0	0
Fountain Valley Regional Hospital and Med Ctr	63	3	2	5
Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center	23	1	1	2
Hoag Hospital	1	0	0	0
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian	73	2	3	7
Huntington Beach Hospital	38	0	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Anaheim Medical Center	56	5	2	9
Kaiser Permanente Orange County-Irvine Med Ctr	20	1	1	2
Kindred Hospital - Westminster	1	0	0	0
La Palma Intercommunity Hospital	1	1	0	0
Los Alamitos Medical Center	34	4	4	9
Mission Hospital	45	4	4	9
Mission Hospital - Laguna Beach	1	0	0	0
Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center	3	0	0	0
Placentia-Linda Hospital	2	1	0	0
Saddleback Memorial Med Ctr - Laguna Hills	22	1	0	0
Saddleback Memorial Med Ctr - San Clemente	6	0	0	0
Saint Joseph Hospital	32	1	1	3
Saint Jude Medical Center	53	1	1	1
UC Irvine Medical Center	108	9	6	13
West Anaheim Medical Center	17	2	1	7
Western Medical Center Anaheim	10	1	0	0
Western Medical Center Santa Ana	58	7	5	11
TOTAL	750	49	35	91

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY				
Marian Medical Center	25	1	1	3
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital	36	6	4	18
Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	62	7	5	21

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
VENTURA COUNTY				
Community Memorial Hospital	5	0	0	0
Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center	29	2	3	6
Saint John's Pleasant Valley Hospital	3	0	0	0
Saint John's Regional Medical Center	43	8	4	12
Santa Paula Hospital	3	1	1	2
Simi Valley Hospital	20	2	2	6
Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital	2	0	0	0
Ventura County Medical Center	27	2	1	3
TOTAL	132	15	11	29

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
RIVERSIDE COUNTY				
Corona Regional Medical Center	14	0	0	0
Desert Regional Medical Center	96	10	8	39
Eisenhower Medical Center	45	1	2	2
Hemet Valley Medical Center	21	2	2	2
Inland Valley Medical Center	31	3	3	8
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital	24	0	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center	34	0	0	0
Menifee Valley Medical Center	19	0	0	0
Moreno Valley Community Hospital	8	0	0	0
Palo Verde Community Hospital	1	0	0	0
Parkview Community Hospital Medical Center	37	1	0	0
Rancho Springs Medical Center	20	2	2	4
Riverside Community Hospital	155	14	10	38
Riverside County Regional Medical Center	82	16	10	25
San Geronio Memorial Hospital	9	0	0	0
Vista Hospital of Riverside	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	597	49	37	118

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY				
Arrowhead Regional Medical Center	130	16	14	56
Barstow Community Hospital	4	0	0	0
Chino Valley Medical Center	3	0	0	0
Community Hospital of San Bernardino	15	2	2	0
Desert Valley Hospital	9	0	0	0
Hi-Desert Medical Center	5	0	0	0
Kaiser Permanente Fontana Medical Center	88	4	2	9
Loma Linda University Medical Center	269	28	26	61
Montclair Hospital Medical Center	2	0	0	0
Rancho Specialty Hospital	1	0	0	0
Redlands Community Hospital	25	0	0	0
Saint Bernardine Medical Center	150	7	3	9
Saint Mary Medical Center - Apple Valley	33	0	0	0
San Antonio Community Hospital	58	4	3	6
Victor Valley Community Hospital	22	0	0	0
TOTAL	814	61	50	141

Name	Referral	Eligible	Organ Donors	Organ Tx'd
GRAND TOTAL	5144	486	349	1101



OneLegacy Calendar of Events

June 2011

June 12 - 14

Donate Life America Spring Meeting
Denver, CO

June 14

Donate Life Rose Parade Float Unveiling
www.DonateLifeFloat.org

June 14 - 17

AOPO Annual Meeting
Denver, CO

June 18

Donate Life Ambassadors Training
Los Angeles & San Bernardino, CA

June 22

Donate Life Hollywood Inspire Awards
The Avalon, Hollywood, CA



July 2011

July 9

Donate Life Soccer Camp with Chivas USA
Carson, CA

July 23

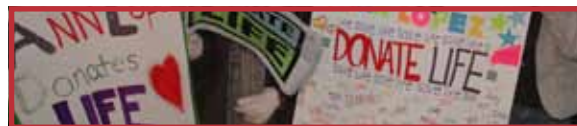
Donate Life Night at Home Depot Center
Carson, CA



August 2011

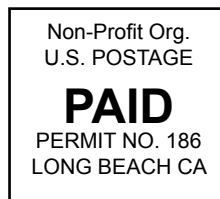
August 27

Donate Life Ambassadors Conference
OMNI Hotel, Los Angeles, CA



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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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