



# June 2009 eNews

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## NEWS OF NOTE

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## Student Outreach Report Card: Straight A's!

*By Kelly O'Rourke, Program Coordinator: Education Outreach*

Each year, Donate Life Northwest's Student Outreach program provides thousands of students across Oregon and Southwest Washington with the life-saving message about being an organ, eye and tissue donor. Through presentations, blood drives and service projects, students are given accurate and comprehensive information about what it means to donate. This school year was no exception with a record number of students reached through a variety of exciting activities.

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## Meet Your Neighbor: Mary Ray

*By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator: Volunteers & Special Projects*

This new addition to our monthly newsletter will feature a different story every issue. Many of these stories will be of our spectacular Volunteers while others are simply inspirational individuals in our community. We hope this will help you feel more connected to our mission, our volunteers and allow you to learn a little bit more about why we do what we do.

### Volunteer Mary Ray:

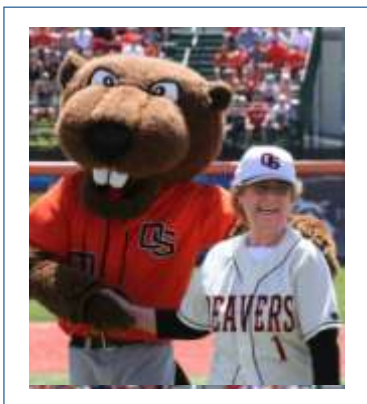
Mary, a kidney recipient and Albany resident, has been a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer since 2006. Mary recently received the *Samaritan Advantage All-Star award* from Samaritan Health Plans for her commitment to her community and her extensive work as a Donate Life Northwest volunteer. Mary was honored and got to throw out the first pitch at an OSU Beaver's game. When given the opportunity to have her picture taken with Coach Robinson (Michelle Obama's brother), she first asked to see his license. Lucky for him, he was a registered organ donor! To learn more about Mary please read her responses to the below questions:

**Q:** What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about organ donation and transplantation? **A:** That anyone can be a donor!

**Q:** What is your favorite hobby? **A:** Crafty projects

**Q:** What is your favorite book? **A:** Cookbooks

**Q:** What is your favorite music? **A:** Light classical (she use to play the violin!) and Broadway



Mary Ray, kidney recipient, throws out the first pitch at OSU Beaver's game.



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**High School** 25,582 students reached

- 8,072 students attended a **presentation**, in class or at Discover OHSU!
- 9,745 students learned about donation at their school's **blood drive**.
- 8,035 students were reached by their peers who led **service projects**.

**College** 9,079 students reached

- 1,755 students attended a **presentation** at their college or university.
- 1,874 students learned about donation at their school's **blood drive**.
- 5,500 students were reached by their peers who led **campus-wide donor drives**.

Reaching these students could not be done without the help of our partners, American Red Cross Blood Services and Oregon Health and Science University. Through a new, innovative, student-focused partnership with American Red Cross, nearly 1,000 additional students registered themselves as organ, eye and tissue donors. Students attending their school's blood drive were able to see the true impact of their blood donation by speaking with Donate Life Northwest volunteers, many blood recipients during their transplant.

Donate Life Northwest's long standing partnership with the Discover OHSU! program allows nearly 3,000 students to learn about donation each year when visiting the Oregon Health and Science University campus. This in-demand program continues to thrive and provide students with a high-quality educational experience, of which Donate Life Northwest is happy to be a part.

To reach students on a broader level, Donate Life Northwest also expanded its presence online by revamping its Facebook and MySpace pages and adding a new YouTube site. Join us by clicking these links!

- [YouTube](#)
- [Facebook Organization](#)
- [Facebook Causes](#)
- [MySpace](#)

When looking at the Student Outreach program, there is one group that cannot be thanked enough: our volunteers! Every presentation given, blood drive attended, and service project completed occurred at the hand of a volunteer. To reach the nearly 35,000 students who learned about donation this school year, Donate Life Northwest volunteers donated well over 800 hours of their time. Next month's E-News will take an in-depth look at the impact of our growing volunteer program. Stay tuned!

## Volunteer Kudos

*Donate Life Northwest would like to recognize the following volunteers for reaching our target audience of 15-29 year olds during the month of May. Congratulations on a job well done!*

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**Kathy Greenwood** registered **20%** of students at 3 in-class presentations.

**Julie Ferguson** registered **30%** of students at an in-class presentation.

**Angela Sick** registered **49%** of students at a blood drive.

## DOLLARS &amp; SENSE



## Raffle tickets are now on sale!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Donate Life Northwest is in need of raffle ticket buyers and sellers. With the help of volunteers and contributors, the goal is to raise \$15,000 by selling 750 raffle tickets for \$20.00 a piece.

The raffle drawing will take place on August 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the [Reserve Golf Club](#) in Aloha, Oregon. Individuals need not be present to win one of the following 6 great prizes (a total value of \$4,740):

Grand Prize: Airline Tickets: Roundtrip airfare for 2 on [Alaska Airlines](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Eagle Crest Ridge: Week stay at a lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath chalet in Redmond, OR. Hosts 6-8 people.

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Central Oregon Getaway: Weekend stay (Oct 2-3, 2009) in a beautiful cabin on the banks of the Metolius River. Includes dinner at [Chloe](#).

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Apple iTouch: Surf the web and play hours of music, video and games with the 16 GB [Apple iTouch](#).

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Jessica Vasi Jewelry: Handcrafted jewelry piece designed by local artist [Jessica Vasi](#)

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Beach Getaway: Two night stay at a [charming cottage](#) in Yachats, OR. Hosts up to 6 people.

[Buy tickets online](#) today. All proceeds benefit Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving programs. For more information on purchasing or selling raffle tickets, contact Susan at [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.5388.



## Fore!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Donate Life Northwest's double flight golf tournament will utilize both 18-hole courses at the [Reserve Golf Club](#) on August 11, 2009. Donate Life Northwest's goal is to register 180 golfers to play.

How Donate Life Northwest volunteers and supporters can help fill the tournament:

- [Register today](#) to play
- Contact Sara at [patinkin@ohsu.edu](mailto:patinkin@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.2289 to promote the tournament to friends, family and colleagues who golf.

100% of the net tournament income supports Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs that register donors and save lives.



### Welcome Sara Patinkin!

*Donate Life Northwest is pleased to introduce our new Development Director, Sara Patinkin. Sara comes from The Grotto, where she utilized her skills and experience in contributor cultivation, solicitation and stewardship, event planning and public relations.*

*Prior to The Grotto, she earned her master's in Public Administration, interned at the Oregon Zoo Foundation for corporate relations and was the special events and public relations coordinator at the Humane Society for SW Washington. Welcome Sara!*

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



## Volunteers Needed: Save the Date 8/11

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator: Volunteers & Special Projects

It is that time of year again - the sun is out, the grass is green and golf is in the air! Help make the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Golf Tournament a success by volunteering your time. For additional details and to sign up for a shift please contact Maureen Cahill ([cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu)) or at 503.494.3525. To register to attend the event and play golf please visit our website at <http://www.donatelifenw.org/events/golftournament>.

## Upcoming Training Opportunities:

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator: Volunteers & Special Projects

Volunteer Orientations and Speakers Bureau Trainings have been scheduled for the summer months. All trainings are held in the Portland office, 2525 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Please contact Maureen Cahill, at [cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu), with inquiries and to register.

### Volunteer Orientations - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

### Speakers Bureau Trainings - 5:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>



## Star of the Month

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

**May:** This month's Star of the Month is Scott Nance. Scott has presented to over 21 student audiences this spring and has inspired donor registrations through his powerful story. He brings a high level of energy to his presentations and always engages his audience. The students love him and love hearing his personal story. As a Donor Dad, Scott does a fabulous job of balancing his family's donation story with his personal philosophy on life and the importance of life choices.

We would like to thank Scott for all his time, energy and support. However this student puts it better than us, *"I am sure you have heard it 100 times by now, but you truly are an amazing man with the gift of giving. You gave me the most memorable speech because the message you had was extremely powerful. That very day I went home and had the conversation with my mom. I will now be a donor!"* - Lakeridge High School student

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*Join Donate Life Northwest On-Line!! A standing invitation goes out to volunteers and donation supporters to "be-friend" us through our social networking outlet.*

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- [Cause page](#)

