



# July 2009 eNews

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## NEWS OF NOTE

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## 2,992.2 Ways to Help

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

More than 200 volunteers from throughout Oregon and SW Washington support our mission in many ways. Volunteers are the greatest asset Donate Life Northwest has to be able “to save and enhance lives through the promotion of organ, eye and tissue donation.”

This year the volunteer force of Donate Life Northwest worked tirelessly to educate and inspire the public on the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. As a team, they contributed **2,992.2 volunteer hours** - which equals 124 days of service or 179,532 donated minutes and is worth \$64,521.92!

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## Meet Your Neighbor: Cassandra Tolman

*By Judith Trujillo, Program Director*

Her tiara is no competition for the sparkle in Cassandra Tolman’s eyes! As Miss Three Rivers, Cassandra competes for the title of Miss Oregon July 11<sup>th</sup> in Seaside, Oregon. She was first runner up in 2007. She volunteers on behalf of Donate Life Northwest at every opportunity speaking about her platform, organ, eye and tissue donation, a subject near and dear to her heart since her father donated a kidney to her grandpa in 2001.

Cassandra is a senior graduating from Southern Oregon University with a classical vocal major. Her parents and 3 brothers live in Meacham, OR. How to find the family at the pageant parade in Seaside? They’re the folks on the bridge ringing cow bells! To learn more about Cassandra please read her responses to the questions below:

**Q:** *What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about organ donation and transplantation?* **A:** **Never rule yourself out as a potential donor.**

**Q:** *What is your favorite hobby?* **A:** **Playing piano**

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

**Q:** *What is your favorite music?* **A:** **Anything classical, preferably vocal**



*Cassandra Tolman, crowned Miss Three Rivers 2009 goes on to compete for Miss Oregon.*

## Volunteer Faces



Top to bottom: Janyce Iturra, LaVena Northenberg & Shirley Shelly; Bob Dexter; Ruth Prier & Loyce Martinazzi; Mary Ray

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We would like to specially acknowledge five volunteers who individually worked over 70 hours each this year; **thank you Bob Dexter, Loyce Martinazzi, Ruth Prier, Mary Ray and Debbie Sayward!**

While volunteers take on a variety of roles and responsibilities, their goal remains constant - to inspire donor designations! Volunteers do this by sharing their personal stories, informing individuals of the three ways to register to be a donor, and motivating people to take action today! This year our volunteers did an outstanding job of this, **registering 1,239 students alone during volunteer shifts with paper registration forms.**

The achievements are impressive and monumental but not complete! With 102,111 individuals on the United Network for Organ Sharing waiting list our work is far from done. Below please find our wish list for new volunteers and our challenge to current volunteers.

### New Volunteer Wish List

Goal: Expand our volunteer team with individuals who;

- Will commit to 5 volunteer shifts a year,
- Have internet access, and
- Have a flexible schedule.

Also needed are volunteers who:

- Are between the ages of 15-29,
- Are bi-lingual (Spanish/English) presenters, and/or,
- Live in an outlying area (near Eugene, Bend, Medford, Pendleton)

### Current Volunteer Challenge

Goal: Strengthen and progress our core volunteer team to;

- Commit to 5 volunteer shifts a year
- Strive to register 10-20% of the individuals at each volunteer shift
- Recruit one volunteer candidate
- Identify one potential volunteer opportunity or event
- Regularly visit our updated and informative website, [www.donatelifenw.org](http://www.donatelifenw.org)

We all share the same vision “to ensure everyone waiting for an organ, eye and tissue transplant receives one.” We are grateful that this year each of the 2,992.2 volunteer hours, every donor family story, every transplant story and every transplant waiting story told got us closer to realizing our vision. Together we can make a difference!

## DOLLARS &amp; SENSE



## Calling All Golfers!

By Sara Patinkin, Development Director

Donate Life Northwest's 16th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on August 11, 2009 at the beautiful Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon.

Dave and Darcey Bone of [Hillside Chapel](#), Presenting Sponsor of this event say, "Darcey and I believe wholeheartedly in the mission of Donate Life Northwest. The decision to sponsor the tournament was made as much with our hearts as it was with our heads. We want to help Donate Life Northwest make a difference in our community, and we can do that by giving financially. It feels really good to be able to help." Donate Life Northwest's goal is to register 180 golfers.

Join Hillside Chapel and [register your golf tournament foursome today](#). Both north and south courses at the Reserve Golf Club will be utilized so participants can expect fast play. Golfers will be personally greeted on the course by transplant recipients, donor families and living donors who know firsthand the importance of Donate Life Northwest's work.

100% of the net income raised from the tournament will support Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs.

## Wish List

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Can't participate in the golf tournament but want to support the event? Here's how you can help...

- Give a [Fred Meyer](#), [Safeway](#) or [CostCo](#) gift card to help Donate Life Northwest purchase tournament beverages and snacks.
- Donate a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant, spa or winery to be a prize at the tournament.
- Purchase raffle tickets [online](#) and win one of [six great prizes](#). Raffle tickets are just \$20.00 and are selling fast!

Contact Susan at 503.494.5388 or [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) for details. All contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. All money saved from in-kind gifts support Donate Life Northwest's programs that register donors and save lives.

## Hillside Chapel

FUNERALS, CREMATIONS AND MEMORIAL GATHERINGS



Dave & Darcey Bone of Hillside Chapel, the Presenting Sponsor of this year's Benefit Golf Tournament.



## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

## 50 Volunteers Needed: Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>!

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator: Volunteers & Special Projects

Fore! 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, August 5<sup>th</sup>



## Star of the Month

By Kelly O'Rourke, Program Coordinator: Education Outreach

**June:** Our Star of the Month, Wyatt Messenger, recently watched the movie *Seven Pounds* and became inspired by its message of saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation. A pre-med senior at Oregon State University, Wyatt decided he would fit one more thing into his last semester of college and host a Donor Drive.

While most students are battling the serious disease we call "senioritis," Wyatt was busy registering **247 OSU students!** He recruited the help of his pre-med club, roommates and friends, and they staffed tables across campus for a full week. Several students also gave presentations in their classes. One volunteer was able to coordinate the donation of burrito vouchers donated by Chipotle so every volunteer had a delicious incentive to work a shift! Wyatt and his group of helpers were organized, efficient and enthusiastic in reaching their goal. Congratulations on a job well done!

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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 media pages.

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