



# August 2009 eNews

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## NEWS OF NOTE

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## Meet Your Neighbor: Laura Ellsworth

*By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator*

Did you know we have an Olympic athlete among us? Yes, veteran volunteer, Speakers Bureau member and Vancouver, WA resident, Laura Ellsworth, is competing in the **2009 World Transplant Games!** Join Donate Life Northwest in cheering on Laura as she heads to Australia for the games at the end of August. Go Laura Go!

Laura will be making a splash and competing in the 50m breast stroke, 50m freestyle, 4x50 IM relay (she will be doing the breast stroke leg) and the 100m freestyle. Additionally, Laura will be completing in the long jump and softball throw. More information on the games can be found at <http://www.worldtransplantgames09.com/>. To learn a little more about Laura please read her responses to the following questions:

**Q: What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about organ donation and transplantation?** A: That it works!

Transplantation is an amazing treatment option for those with end stage organ failure. Not only does it extend life, but it gives HEALTH. Good health is priceless. The gift of organ and tissue donation is not one done in vain.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?** A: Swimming, disc golf, and travel

**Q: What is your favorite book?** A: *The Poisonwood Bible*, Barbara Kingsolver

**Q: What is your favorite music?** A: Everything! I'm also a big Broadway fan. *Wicked* and *RENT* are my favorites. I have the soundtrack to both in regular rotation in my car cd player.



*Laura at the 2008 US Transplant Games. She hopes to add to her medal collection this month at the World Transplant Games.*



## DMV: Land of Opportunity to Make a Difference 39,000 Times Every Month

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director



**Fact:** DMV employees may save **8** lives, restore sight to **2** people and

enhance mobility for **>50** others every time they ask a customer if they want a donor code on their driver's permit/license or ID card.

**Fact:** EVERYONE at least 15 years old in Oregon and Washington can have a donor code on their driver's permit/license or ID card. 15-17 year olds do not need permission.

**Fact:** Whether you can become a donor is not determined until time of death, and research continues to expand donor criteria. Do not rule yourself out as a donor!

**Fact:** The "D" and "♥" are accepted as consent to donate for those who are over 18 years old at time of death.

**Fact:** Chances are 97% you registered your donation decision at DMV.

DMV plays a vital role in donor registry systems across the U.S. In Oregon and Washington the names of people with donor codes are available 24/7 to the organ, eye and tissue recovery agencies through their access to the state donor registry.

Donate Life Northwest's *DMV Outreach program* is a two-pronged approach:

- Helping DMV customers make an educated decision about putting a donor code on their permit, license or ID card.
  - Our 15-29 year old target audience may visit DMV up to four times during these years.
  - All presentations, educational and promotional materials, and volunteer training focus on motivating people to register as donors.
  - The "Non-D" postcard campaign encourages Oregonians who are renewing their license and have no "D" code to add it when they renew.
- Establishing and maintaining a positive working partnership with DMV to insure customers are always given the opportunity to add a donor code to their permit, license or ID card.

**THANKS, DMV, for asking. You have the power to save MANY lives!**

## August Wish List

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest has two important items on their August Wish List. Please contact our office directly (503.494.7888) if you can assist us in securing either need.

1. **In Focus Projector**
2. **Photographer** to volunteer to take pictures at our 16th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament held on **Tuesday, August 11th at The Reserve Vineyard & Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon.** Photographer is needed from 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM.



## DOLLARS &amp; SENSE

**LAST call for golfers!***By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate*

There's still room to play in Donate Life Northwest's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on August 11, 2009 at the [Reserve Golf Club](#). Here's why you should register to play...

**UNIQUENESS...** Golfers will hear the touching stories of transplant recipients, donor families and living donors throughout the day and will experience the impact of Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving work.

**VALUE...** The cost per player is \$225 and includes green fees, golf carts, driving range privileges, bag tag, tee prizes, on course beverages, lunch, buffet dinner, bag service and club wash.

**FAST PLAY...** Golfers can expect quick play, since the tournament will be held on both the north and south courses at the beautiful Reserve Golf Club.

**FUN PRIZES...** Golfers have the chance to win a new roof from [Interstate Roofing](#) or a lease on a new [Lexus](#) with a hole-in-one. Other valuable door and contest prizes include gift cards to restaurants, vineyards, casinos and weekend getaways!

[Register today online](#) or by calling Susan at 503.494.5388. 100% of net income raised from tournament registrations and contests support Donate Life Northwest's programs like Student, Hispanic and DMV Outreach that register donors and save lives.

**Make August 11<sup>th</sup> Your Lucky Day***By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate*

There is still time to purchase raffle tickets for Donate Life Northwest's raffle drawing on August 11, 2009. Tickets are just \$20.00 and the lucky winners will go home with one or more of the following prizes:

**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 iPod: Surf the web and play hours of music, video and games with the 16 GB [Apple iPod](#).

**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.

Individuals need not be present to win. Just 750 tickets available for purchase. Buy tickets [online](#) today. All proceeds benefit Donate Life Northwest. Contact Susan at [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.5388 for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

## Volunteer Opportunities

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest has a few important volunteer needs before the school year begins. Please review the events below and contact Maureen Cahill at [cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu) to sign up for a shift.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament: Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> The Reserve Golf Club, Aloha, OR

50 volunteers are needed to ensure the Golf Tournament is a huge success. We need your help filling the last 15 volunteer shifts. We need help from 11:15 AM - 2:00 PM and 11:15 AM - 7:00 PM. Volunteer roles vary from helping with registration, selling golf packages, greeting players and taking pictures. Please contact Maureen today if you are interested and available.

### Crosby, Stills and Nash Summer Tour: September 2009

Volunteers are needed to staff information tables at two Oregon concert venues for the Crosby, Stills and Nash Summer Tour. Volunteers will have the opportunity to talk to concert goers about the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and share the 3 ways to register to be a donor. No complimentary tickets to the concert will be provided. Volunteers will receive access to the information tables only. Materials will be provided by Donate Life Northwest staff.

#### Concert Dates & Locations:

Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>: Edgefield - Troutdale, Or

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>: Amphitheatre - Central Point, OR



## Star of the Month

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

**July:** Donate Life Northwest is honoring **Jim Resk** and **Hayley Resk** as July's Stars of the Month. Jim and Hayley proved their commitment to promoting organ, eye and tissue donation this month by going above and beyond the call of duty. This Father-Daughter volunteer team recently drove over 40 minutes each way to present their story and inspire organ, eye and tissue donation to young leaders at Camp Menucha. They did an excellent job of representing Donate Life Northwest and conveying our important message!

This was the first time Jim and Hayley presented together and the first time Hayley heard her Dad share their family story in public. While Jim did the talking, Hayley was an invaluable presence of someone whose life had been saved by an organ transplant. Hayley received a liver transplant from a very special living donor, her mom, in 2007!

Thank you Jim and Hayley for your time, energy and support!

**Mark your Calendar:**  
Portland Trainings!

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**Volunteer Orientation**  
Tues. Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm  
(Required training before becoming a volunteer)

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This training will be held in our Portland office. Sign up today as space is limited.

Email Maureen Cahill at [cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu)



**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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