



# September 2009 eNews

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## NEWS OF NOTE

### A Stitch in Time...

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director

### *Threads of Life* Donor Family & Recipient Quilt

Donate Life Northwest invites transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and transplant candidates to share their story by creating a square for Donate Life Northwest's *twelfth Threads of Life Quilt*.

*Threads of Life* quilts compellingly depict all aspects of donation and transplantation. They serve as a powerful and visual educational tool designed to reach the hearts and minds of all who view them, inspiring and motivating people to register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

Throughout the year, these quilts are displayed in public buildings such as hospitals, city halls, libraries, and schools. They also are part of many special events - weddings, anniversaries, funerals and family reunions.

See guidelines for creating a square at [www.donatelifenw.org/programs/quilt](http://www.donatelifenw.org/programs/quilt). The first 65 squares received by Feb. 1, 2010 will be included in the twelfth quilt, and preference will be given to those stories not included on any of the previous eleven quilts. The new quilt panel will be unveiled in April, National Donate Life Month, and then will be available in May for display as requested.

As we do each year, we eagerly look forward to receiving squares for the new quilt panel. Please contact Donate Life Northwest at 503-494-7888 or [info@donatelifenw.org](mailto:info@donatelifenw.org) if you have questions.



2009 Quilt Presentation – 11<sup>th</sup>  
*Threads of Life* Quilt.

## Meet Your Neighbor: Scott Nance & Lynda Myers

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator



Scott Nance, donor dad and Donate Life Northwest Speaker's Bureau Volunteer on his Harley Davidson.

Two dedicated volunteers and Speakers Bureau members share a unique passion - motorcycles! Both Scott Nance and Lynda Myers enjoy spending time on their motorcycles and both incorporate their love of bikes into their Donate Life Northwest presentations.

As a donor dad, Scott shares that a picture of his daughter is memorialized on the front of his motorcycle. And as a double cornea recipient, Lynda shares how the gift of sight has allowed her to resume her love of riding bikes. To learn a little more about Scott and Lynda please read their responses to our questions:

**Scott -**

**Q: What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about organ donation and transplantation?** A: I guess for me, organ donation provided a way to feel that my daughter did not just simply die in vain. My daughter was a very giving person and in death, like in life she was able to give to others by sharing her organs and tissue. On one hand you help someone else but on a sort of selfish side of things you also ensure that your death is not hollow.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?** A: I actually have a number of hobbies but I like riding Harley Davidson motorcycles a lot. I ride every chance I get!

**Q: What is your favorite book?** A: *Over the Top* by Zig Ziglar, it is a very motivational and inspirational book.

**Q: What is your favorite music?** A: Christian and Country Western music. (Especially enjoys Collin Raye, Brooks and Dunn, and Brandon Heath.)

**Lynda -**

**Q: What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about organ donation and transplantation?** A: Organ donation is such an incredibly unselfish and giving act. I think it is the ultimate gift that one human can give to another. Transplants have such a far-reaching effect, not only on the recipient, but on their families as well. It has that ripple effect, like tossing a stone into the water.

**Q: What is your favorite hobby?** A: I have lots of activities that I enjoy, but I think motorcycling, downhill skiing, hiking, golf, and the outdoors are all on the top of my list.

**Q: What is your favorite book?** A: I love to read and always have two to three books going at a time. I love history, especially Oregon history.

**Q: What is your favorite music?** A: Favorite music depends upon my mood. My tastes are eclectic. I love Opera and Classical music. Puccini operas are my favorite operas. I also listen to Country, R&B, Bluegrass, old time Rock and Roll and then there are so many great bands today.



Lynda Myers, cornea recipient, posing on her bike.

## DOLLARS &amp; SENSE

## Don't Miss the 2009 Lifesavers Breakfast

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

The Lifesavers Breakfast will be held November 5, 2009 at 7:30am and will feature the inspirational story of [Nicholas Green](#), a boy who saved seven lives and touched countless more throughout the world as a donor. Reg Green, Nicholas' father and author of "The Nicholas Effect" and "The Gift that Heals," will share this touching story of his son's generous gift.

Table captains are the most important part of this event. Donate Life Northwest relies on them to invite family, friends, colleagues and business associates to attend the event and experience the effects of Donate Life Northwest's mission. There is no cost to attend, but all contributions support Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving, educational outreach programs. Donate Life Northwest's goal is to recruit 45 table captains, bring in 500 guests and raise \$106,000.

Contact Susan Chrzanowski at [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.5388 to reserve your seat and become a table captain today!



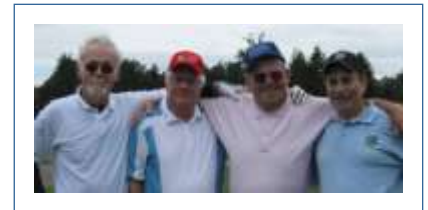
*Reg Green, 2009 Lifesavers Breakfast Key Note Speaker and donor father.*

## Golf Tournament Scores Success!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Thank you to the 160 golfers, 43 volunteers and 29 sponsors who participated in Donate Life Northwest's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on August 11<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful [Reserve Vineyard and Golf Club](#). Because of your support, Donate Life Northwest raised nearly \$50,000 in net income to support our lifesaving educational programs.

Donate Life Northwest extends our sincere gratitude to Dave and Darcey Bone of [Hillside Chapel](#), the Presenting Sponsor of the event. Read more about Dave and Darcey in September's "Star of the Month" below.



*Bob Dexter, Don Golden, Tom Blair and Bob Ozwoeld, all transplant recipients, played in the golf tournament on a team sponsored by Lewis Systems.*

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

## Volunteer Interests

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

### Three Rivers hits Primetime

Be sure to tune in to CBS on Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 PM. You don't want to miss the premier of their new medical drama, *Three Rivers*. The show goes inside the emotionally complex lives of organ donors, the recipients and the surgeons. Starring cast include Alex O'Loughlin and Daniel Henney. [Click here](#) to see the preview! *Stayed tuned for details on a possible Portland premier gathering.*

### Music to Your Ears

Grammy Award-winning R&B/pop group, All-4-One, have recently released a new song inspired by organ donors and transplant recipients. Be sure to check out "[When I Needed An Angel](#)" on their new album, *No Regrets*.

To download the song, go to iTunes and enter "When I Needed An Angel" in the search field. With each download, \$.40 cents will be contributed by the band to support efforts to inspire the nation to donate life.



## Save The Date!

By Maureen Cahill, Program Coordinator

### Volunteer Orientation

**Upcoming Dates:** Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Location:** Portland Office (2525 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue)

**Details:** This is a required training for volunteering with Donate Life Northwest. The training reviews the organization's history, programs, goals and best practices. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Speakers Bureau

**Upcoming Date:** Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Location:** Portland Office (2525 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue)

**Details:** Volunteers who've attended Volunteer Orientation, are actively involved in Donate Life Northwest programs, and have public presentation skills/interests, are invited to attend Speakers Bureau training. It provides volunteers with the tools to successfully present to a variety of audiences and offers guidance on sharing their personal story in a compelling manner. Refreshments will be provided.

### Advanced Volunteer Training

**Upcoming Dates:** Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Location:** Portland Office (2525 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue)

**Details:** Active Speakers Bureau members are invited to join Donate Life Northwest for a **Volunteer Social and Speakers Bureau Workshop**. The workshop will be lead by professional speech coach, Dennis Tichenor, and will explore topics including: speech structure, inspiration storytelling and audience connection. The evening will also offer volunteers the opportunity to mingle with Donate Life Northwest staff members and volunteers, visit the office and enjoy tasty appetizers and beverages. RSVP is required. Contact Maureen Cahill, [cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.3525.



**2010 U.S. Transplant Games are less than a year away!!**

July 30 – Aug 4, 2010

Madison, Wisconsin

Team Northwest is recruiting participants!



**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.



## Stars of the Month

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

**August:** Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce **Dave and Darcey Bone** as the August Stars of the Month. As a board member and past employee of Donate Life Northwest, respectively, Dave and Darcey support Donate Life Northwest in many ways. Not only was their business, [Hillside Chapel](#), the presenting sponsor of the 2009 golf tournament, Dave and Darcey volunteered their time to help Donate Life Northwest secure four new golf tournament sponsors, bringing in more than \$13,000 in golf sponsorship revenue!

We wish to acknowledge Dave and Darcey for their efforts which directly support Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors and saves lives. Dave and Darcey's kindness is inspiring and we are so grateful for their commitment to our mission!

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