



# May 2010 eNews

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## NEWS OF NOTE

### Quilt is a Show-Stopper

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director

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*Nicole Andergard, kidney recipient, shares a story with her daughter.*

Even in this high-tech age of sound bites and gaming, the power of seeing a Threads of Life quilt remains unsurpassed. The quilt stops people where they are in their lives to consider, for a moment, the quantum difference donation or transplantation has made in the lives of others.

Presentations of Donate Life Northwest's twelfth quilt in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Vancouver were the centerpiece of our National Donate Life month recognition. The quilt honors organ, eye and tissue donors and donor families, celebrates the renewed lives of transplant recipients, and offers hope to the 2600 people in the Pacific Northwest still awaiting a transplant.

The quilt now is available on a first-come, first-served basis to display and share the very real stories of people whose lives have been transformed by the power of organ, eye and tissue donation. Thank you to each person and family represented on the 2010 quilt for helping to inspire countless others to [register their decision](#) to be a donor.

### Volunteer Kudos

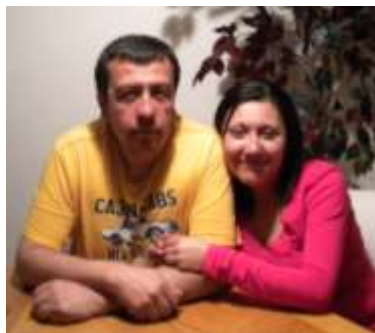
By Maureen Cahill Newman, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest would like to recognize the following volunteers for reaching our target audience of 15-29 years old during the month of April! Let's keep up the good work and increase the registration rate per event.

- Eric Sweeney & [Virginia Rice](#) registered 262 students at a U of O party.
- Leasa Wilkens registered 5 movie goers at Regal Cinema in the Eugene.
- Barb Marold registered 8% of the students at the Lake Oswego blood drive.
- Patrice Hudson registered 8% of the students at the Portland State University blood drive.

## Meet Your Neighbor: Marissa Salgado

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator



Marissa Salgado, kidney recipient, with her father, living kidney donor.

Marissa Salgado was a sophomore in high school when she was diagnosed with kidney failure of unknown causes. Wanting to finish high school, Marissa opted for peritoneal dialysis at home while she was on the waiting list so she could continue to study. Her father, being a good match, took two years to convince Marissa to accept one of his kidneys. Now, Marissa is working and going to college and wants to be a nurse. Both she and her father are doing well - thanks to this wonderful gift of life.

**What is your favorite book?** "To Kill a Mockingbird" because it is such an inspirational story. It shows how people can overcome diversity and help one another.

**What is your favorite music?** I like to listen to just about anything my friends, family, and everyone I know introduces me to. I would say that I am very open to all music.

**What is your favorite hobby?** I absolutely love playing volleyball just about anywhere. I just love being competitive and playing with people that I know or with people that I meet. I also like to be lazy at times and just watch some of my favorite shows on TV like "The Hills" and "The Secret Life of the American Teenager".

**What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about donation and transplantation?** It is a wonderful gift of life that anyone in this world can share. I would like everyone to know that even after we pass away we can still do some good for people and save someone's life. If it was not for my father—who blessed me with a kidney—I would not be able to explore the world or take advantage of all the opportunities it gives me. I thank him so much for blessing me with this wonderful gift of life and the amazing love he has for me. He gave me another opportunity at life.

## Welcome to our Bend Volunteer Liaison!

By Maureen Cahill Newman, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest is pleased to introduce our newest team member, Melissa Elliott. Melissa joins us as the Regional Volunteer Liaison in Bend, OR. Melissa will work with our Bend volunteers to expand outreach efforts in the region. We look forward to having a team member dedicated to supporting and growing our life saving efforts in the Bend area.

**A little bit about Melissa:** "I grew up in the Bay Area of Northern California only leaving for a short while to go to school in Arizona, where I obtained an AA in Electro-Mechanical Drafting. Shortly after I met my wonderful husband and we started our family. I am now a mom of two young daughters. We moved to Bend, OR in 2005 to escape the fast paced life of California. There, I started volunteering at the local Mothers of Preschoolers group and at my daughters' school. When I'm not chasing my daughters around, I love to snowboard, go camping, hike, garden, read, run with our dog and spend time with friends and family. I am excited about the opportunity to work with Donate Life Northwest and look forward to the amazing things to come of this partnership!"

Melissa can be reached at [melissae@bendbroadband.com](mailto:melissae@bendbroadband.com) or 541.815.6041.



## SUPPORTING THE MISSION



## Great Prizes, Great Cause!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

[Purchase raffle tickets](#) and help Donate Life Northwest raise \$15,000 to support programs that register donors and save lives. Tickets sell fast. 750 raffle tickets will be sold for \$20.00 a piece.

The raffle drawing will take place on August 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the [Reserve Golf Club](#) in Aloha, Oregon. Individuals need not be present to win one of the following 7 great prizes:

- **Grand Prize: Airline Tickets:** Two roundtrip tickets on [Alaska Airlines](#).
- **2nd Prize: Amazon Kindle Reader:** This [lightweight 2 GB wireless reader](#) has a six inch display and stores up to 1,500 books. Also included is a water-resistant protective carrying [case by Patagonia](#).
- **3rd Prize: Central Oregon Getaway:** Weekend stay (Oct 1-3, 2010) in a beautiful, furnished cabin on the banks of the Metolius River.
- **4th Prize: Eagle Crest Ridge:** Enjoy three nights at a lovely chalet located on the scenic Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Redmond, OR. The chalet is fully furnished and sleeps up to eight.
- **5th Prize: Beach Getaway:** Two night stay at a charming cottage in Yachats, OR. Just a short walk to the ocean, this two story cottage with deck sleeps up to six people. Cottage has open fire place, private loft bedroom and is fully furnished.
- **6th Prize: Restaurant Gift Basket:** Enjoy multiple evenings of fine dining and great Portland food at [Ten 01](#), [Mother's Bistro](#), [Ciao Vito](#) and [Laurelwood Public House](#).
- **7th Prize: 14 Karat Gold Bangle:** This beautiful contemporary 14 karat gold bangle from [La Rog Brothers](#) features two purple amethyst stones.



Charming cottage in Yachats, OR.

[Buy tickets online](#) today. All proceeds benefit Donate Life Northwest. Contact Susan at [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.5388 to learn more.

## Save the Date!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Donate Life Northwest is thrilled to have Tracy Hoyle as the 2010 [Lifesavers Breakfast](#) keynote speaker. Featured in national television, radio and print advertising campaigns, Tracy has experienced the full circle of donation and transplantation. When Tracy was 15, her mother passed away from an aneurism and became a kidney and cornea donor. Fourteen years later, Tracy received a lifesaving heart transplant...changing her life in unexpected ways.

Don't miss Tracy share her inspiring and dramatic story on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the [Oregon Convention Center](#). Contact Susan at 503.494.5388 or [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) to reserve your seat or become a table captain.



Lifesavers Breakfast keynote speaker, Tracy Hoyle. This year Tracy celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her lifesaving heart transplant.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

## Volunteer Opportunities

By Maureen Cahill Newman, Program Coordinator

Don't delay; sign up for a volunteer shift today! [A complete list of volunteer opportunities can be found here.](#) There is something for everyone and for every calendar! Please contact Maureen Cahill Newman, at [cahillm@ohsu.edu](mailto:cahillm@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.3525, to sign up for a shift.

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

July 30 – Aug 4, 2010

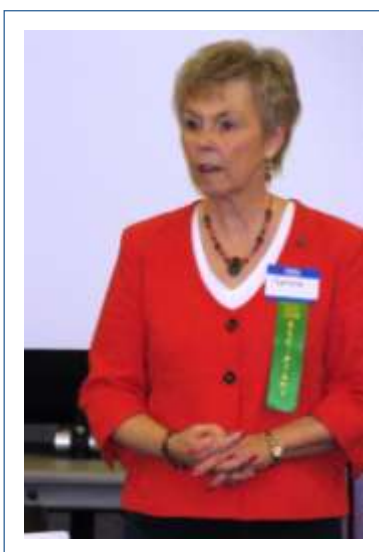
Madison, Wisconsin

Team Northwest is recruiting participants!



## Stars of the Month

By Maureen Cahill Newman & Susan Chrzanowski



Lynda presents at Portland's Donate Life Month event.

**April:** Many of you may have had the pleasure of hearing double cornea recipient, **Lynda Myers**, share her story at the Portland and Salem Donate Life Month celebrations. Lynda's ability to share her personal transplant story in an educational, inspiring and tangible way has earned her April's Star of the Month honor.

Lynda is a strong member of our Speakers Bureau team and she is always anxious and eager to present. During Donate Life Month she was able to touch many with her story. Thank you, Lynda, for being such a valuable advocate for our mission and for always have Donate Life Northwest's best interest in mind. She is even recruiting new volunteers!

Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce **Virginia Rice** as another April Star of the Month. Virginia is 19, a liver recipient and a student at the University of Oregon.

In celebration of Donate Life Month, Virginia organized a [Gather for Good](#) dance party at U of O. The party was a huge success and promoted organ, eye and tissue donation to our 15-29 year old target audience. At the end of the night, the party registered 262 donors and raised \$926.25 to support Donate Life Northwest's programs!

Virginia's enthusiasm is inspiring and Donate Life Northwest is so grateful to have her on our volunteer team. Thank you Virginia, for all you do for Donate Life Northwest. [Learn more about Virginia and a fellow U of O student Eric Sweeney](#) in a recent KEZI Interview.



**Join Donate Life Northwest On-Line!!**

A standing invitation goes out to volunteers and donation supporters to "friend" us through our social media pages.



Starting from the left: Colby Reis, Virginia Rice, Tyler Lindsey