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And The Winner Is...

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director



Martha Decherd; winner of the GoRecycleYourself April Sweepstakes. Congratulations!!

Not only did Martha Decherd save Scalpel Pal's life, she won the [GoRecycleYourself](#) April sweepstakes prize, a 32" flat screen TV donated by Best Buy®! Martha is retiring this spring from her career as a high school librarian. She is signed up on the donor registry and also happens to be a kidney recipient. Congratulations, Martha, and thanks for playing Scalpel Pal!

We continue to give away great prizes in our ongoing monthly Scalpel Pal sweepstakes, so don't forget to play [Scalpel Pal](#) and enter to win!

Volunteer Kudos

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest would like to recognize the following volunteers for their success in reaching our target audience of 15-29 years old during the month of May! Keep up the good work over the summer months.

- Jill Harrison registered **57 students** through her senior project at West Salem High School.
- Mary Ray registered **18% of the students** she presented to at Corvallis High School.
- Susan Hassett registered **9% of the students** she presented to at Benson High School.
- Charlotte Payne registered **8% of the students** she presented to at St. Mary's Academy.

"Three Rivers" is returning Saturday, June 5th at 8:00/7:00c. The episode, "Win-Loss," is the first of five installments of the series.



Kelsey Jensen, member of Donate Life Northwest's Youth Advisory Council.

Meet Your Neighbor: Kelsey Jensen

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

Hailing from Seattle, Kelsey moved to Portland in 2007 to attend the University of Portland's School of Nursing. A vital member of Donate Life Northwest's Youth Advisory Council, Kelsey will be graduating next May with her BSN and hopes to work with kids and volunteer abroad.

What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about donation and transplantation? In the last 50 years, science has afforded us the opportunity to put an entire organ in someone else's body, but all of that is a moot point without registered organ donors. The thing is, it takes two minutes to register, and the reward on that two-minute investment is huge... it has the potential to give the reward of life to someone in need. Registering to be an organ donor was the easiest decision I ever made. To me... it's great to live a life of generosity and compassion... so why not follow through with those principles by becoming an organ donor? To be able to give this amazing gift to someone, even in passing, is a no brainer to me.

What is your favorite hobby? I love hiking, especially now that the nice weather is returning. I like being able to head out to Forest Park and have a couple hours to enjoy the (fleeting) Oregon sunshine. There's nothing that makes me happier than hitting my favorite trail and winding my way through a canopy of green.

What is your favorite book? I adore The Missing Piece Meets The Big O by Shell Silverstein. It's an amazing story about learning to appreciate yourself, just the way you are, rather than trying to complete yourself with someone else. Who knew a children's book could hold so much wisdom?

What is your favorite music? I'm pretty open to any kind of music you can throw at me, as long as it has a good beat to dance to... although, in all honesty, I have about as much rhythm and style as a clumsy giraffe, maybe less.

Student Projects: SuPEERior Education!

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

Throughout the year, high school and university students turn to Donate Life Northwest for assistance with school projects designed to educate their peers on the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Student projects are a vital part of our mission, and youth creativity is not to be underestimated. Students' ingenuity in brainstorming unique ways to reach out to peers never fails to inspire us!

All over the state, students assist us in our mission through class presentations, hosting donor drives, tabling at school and community events, and coming up with unique ways to draw attention to the issue - from organizing a "End of the World" theme party to planting an organic garden honoring donors- possibilities for encouraging youth to register are boundless. We welcome new student project ideas and are here to assist by suggesting ideas, providing important information and materials, securing a trained speaker, and answering any questions. Thanks to all of you who have talked to students and peers about the importance of registering!



Klamath High School Seniors Monica Ruiz and Cristal Neri completed their senior project on the importance of registering to be a donor with a presentation at Klamath Community College, registering 60 students!

SUPPORTING THE MISSION



Great Time, Great Cause!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Here are just three reasons to play in Donate Life Northwest's 17th Annual Golf Tournament on August 10, 2010 at the [Reserve Golf Club](#)...

1. **GREAT CAUSE**... 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. What's more, 100% of net income raised support Donate Life Northwest's programs!
2. **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. Golfers can expect fast play, since the tournament will be held on both the north and south courses at the beautiful Reserve Golf Club.
3. **NEW EXCITING PRIZES**... Golfers who purchase the Package (includes the putting and chipping contest and two mulligans) will be entered into a drawing to **win two roundtrip tickets on SW Airlines**. The tournament incorporates fun and valuable prizes like **gift certificates to restaurants, wineries, golf courses, movies, theater performances, and more!**

Don't delay, register today [online](#), [by mail](#) or by calling Susan at 503.494.5388. Hope to see you on the course.



Feeling Lucky?

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Raffle tickets are just \$20.00 and the lucky winners will go home with amazing prizes including tickets on Alaska Airlines, restaurant gift cards, a Kindle e-reader, getaway packages and more. [Learn more about the prizes and buy raffle tickets online today!](#)

All proceeds benefit Donate Life Northwest. Contact Susan at chrzanow@ohsu.edu or 503.494.5388 for more information.

Eat at Chevys Fresh Mex® in Hillsboro on June 21st

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Associate

Celebrate the first day of summer with great food and a great cause! Dine at [Chevys Fresh Mex® restaurant in Hillsboro](#) on the first day of summer, Monday, June 21st. Here's how it works: [Bring this fundraising flyer](#) and Chevys Fresh Mex® will donate 25% of your meal proceeds to Donate Life Northwest!

Volunteers are needed to help promote the event to friends, colleagues and coworkers. Contact Susan at 503.494.5388 or chrzanow@ohsu.edu to learn more or get involved.



Donate Life Northwest turns 35!!

Mark your calendar for Donate Life Northwest's Annual Meeting & 35th anniversary party on **September 15, 2010** at the American Red Cross. Celebrate our accomplishments promoting organ, eye and tissue donation over the years and learn about exciting plans for the future.

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Volunteer Opportunities

By Judith Trujillo, Director of Programs

FORE! Summer is right around the corner and you know what that means...we are busy preparing for the Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 10th at the Reserve Golf Club in Aloha, OR. To ensure that this year's tournament is a huge success we need the help of over 50 volunteers! Please contact Judith Trujillo, trujillo@ohsu.edu or 503.494.2257, to sign up to volunteer on the big day or to learn more about the volunteer needs.

[A complete list of volunteer opportunities can be found here.](#)

Please contact Rachel Anderson, at anderrac@ohsu.edu or 503.418.4035, to sign up for a shift today.

Spring Cleaning

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

We need your help! The Program Team needs your help rounding up left over Donate Life Northwest materials. We are running low on many materials (especially our popular green pens!) and before we place orders we wanted to ask you to send or drop off left over, extra and remaining materials you may have. Help us save money by returning materials! Be sure to check your cars, garages and closets. Contact Rachel Anderson, at anderrac@ohsu.edu or 503.418.4035, to coordinate your returns. Thank you in advance!



Stars of the Month

By Judith Trujillo, Director of Programs

May: Donate Life Northwest is excited to give the honor of Star of the Month to our wonderful volunteer **Brian Adams**. Brian's energetic but calm and logical approach to solving data puzzles has jump-started our analysis and evaluation for the non-D campaign. Actually, it felt like a *much-needed ray of sunshine* when we didn't know where to begin! His can-do attitude, lay-language suggestions, and patience as we work out the process are much appreciated.

Thank you Brian for fitting Donate Life Northwest into your busy teaching and family schedule. You are our data rock star!

Get a "D." Save a Life.
Become an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor.

Soon you will be renewing your driver's license at DMV. Don't miss your opportunity: Get a 'D' on your driver's license, permit or ID card. Give the Gift of Life.

Indique sus deseos de ser un donante de organos con una 'D' en su licencia de conducir. Done Vida.

Read my story on the other side.

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 supporters to "friend" us through our social media pages.

