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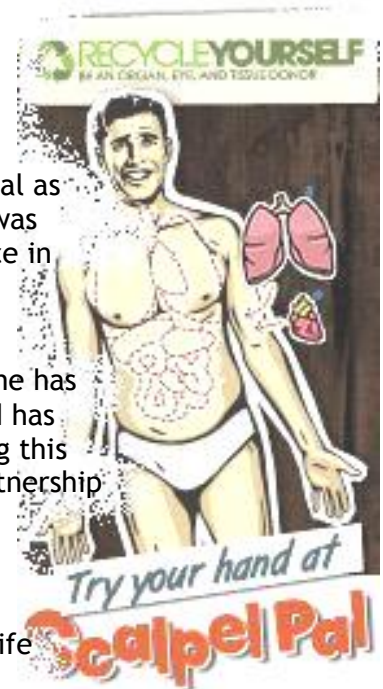
Scalpel Pal Goes National

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director

Attendees grabbed their SmartPhones to play Scalpel Pal as Donate Life Northwest's [GoRecycleYourself](#) campaign was being introduced at the Donate Life America conference in Baltimore June 14-15.

Designed for the 15-29 year old audience, GoRecycleYourself.com and the Scalpel Pal on-line game has been a great success in Oregon and SW Washington and has garnered the attention of Donate Life America. Starting this summer, Donate Life Northwest has entered into a partnership with Donate Life America to take the game national.

Donate Life agencies around the country can brand the [GoRecycleYourself](#) website with their local name and information so they can replicate the success Donate Life Northwest has seen at a local level.



2011: Seize the Day!

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director

Donate Life's [2011 Rose Parade float](#) entry soars with beautiful kites that inspire people to *Seize the Day* and register as organ, eye and tissue donors.

Based on the parade theme *Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories*, the float's kites depict an opportunity to share laughter, sun, wind and the visual beauty of the moment. The colorful kites soar in the wind as donor families, living donors and transplant recipients enjoy a special moment and make new memories. The tails of the kites are adorned with memorial "floragraph" portraits of deceased donors whose legacies lift the kites and the hopes of those in need of transplants.

The Donate Life Family Circle rose dedications opened July 1. See "Family Circle" at [www.donatelifefloat.org](#). Thousands of organ, eye and tissue donors nationwide are memorialized on the float with dedicated roses, each vial carrying a personal message of love, hope and remembrance.





D tour: A Rock-N-Roll Film about Life, Death, and Bodily Functions

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

Talented indie rock musician Pat Spurgeon's career is on the rise when his life takes an unexpected detour. Filled with unexpected twists and the joys and sorrows of life, *D tour* documents the musician's journey with kidney disease and addresses issues within the U.S. healthcare system, the importance of organ donation, and much more. Featuring live performances from Ben Gibbard (Death Cab for Cutie), Nada Surf, John Vanderslice, The Moore Brothers and of course, Rogue Wave.

Whether or not you have plans Tuesday night, July 6th, take a detour and come enjoy this film at Portland's Northwest Film Center! Buy your tickets now at <http://www.nwfilm.org/>. *D tour* starts at 7:00 PM and will be followed by a Q&A with Director Jim Granato.

Meet Your Neighbor: Leasa Wilkens

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator



Leasa Wilkens and her husband of 17 years, Bruce, cheer for the Ducks.

An active volunteer in Eugene, Leasa has a family and full time job but still finds time and takes initiative to make things happen to promote organ donation. A trained speaker, she also recently hosted a *Gather for Good* 50/50 raffle event at the credit union where she works. Furthermore, she contacted the largest cinema in the area and was successful in securing an educational/registration table in the lobby.

Leasa says, "growing up, my family always agreed that when the time came, our decision would be to 'donate and cremate.' I became aware of Donate Life Northwest after my father passed away in 2007. I submitted a Threads of Life quilt square in memory of him and was inspired when attending the unveiling. Now I'm an active volunteer/speaker in the Eugene area."

What do you think is the most important thing for people to know about donation and transplantation? Donation impacts so many different lives that if people could see in advance how many lives you would touch and enhance through making this decision - there would be no question...everyone would want to become a donor! It's powerful! The donation process also helped in my personal healing through honoring my father's wishes.

What is your favorite hobby? I love anything that has to do with water! My husband and I went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. Closer to home, we have a boat that we enjoy throughout the summer - swimming, tubing (and to add comic relief for spectators...I occasionally attempt to water ski). On land, I love watching or attending sporting events Football is my favorite -- Go Ducks!

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What is your favorite book? I can't really say I have a favorite book. I enjoy motivational speakers and inspirational quotes. One quote I like is "Life's not about waiting for the storms to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain." ~Vivian Greene

What is your favorite music? I really enjoy blues guitarists such as Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jonny Lang. I'm also a huge Dave Matthews Band fan.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Chevys Fresh Mex® Fundraiser Brings People Together

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Coordinator

Thank you to all who celebrated the first day of summer at the fundraising event at Chevys Fresh Mex® in Hillsboro.

The event attracted 15 tables of Donate Life Northwest supporters, raised more than \$140.00 and [brought together a living kidney donor and her recipient](#) just six weeks after the transplant. What an amazing way to kick off the summer.



Fore!

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Coordinator

Calling all golfers to [register in Donate Life Northwest's 17th annual golf tournament](#) on August 10, 2010 at the Reserve Golf Club. Golfers can expect fast play and a great time.

Donate Life Northwest's goal is to register 170 golfers and raise more than \$50,000.

Dave and Darcey Bone of [Hillside Chapel](#), Presenting Sponsor of the golf tournament say "Through our work with Donate Life Northwest, we have met so many people whose lives are positively impacted by this organization. Our work with donor families has assured us that their decision to donate is something positive during such a sad and tragic time in their lives. We are honored to support this event and hope to encourage other businesses and individuals to join us."

Join [Hillside Chapel](#) and [register your golf tournament foursome today](#). Golfers will be personally greeted on the course by transplant recipients, donor families and living donors and will experience the impact of Donate Life Northwest's work.



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**Spend \$20 and Win Big**

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Coordinator

Imagine winning two airline tickets, a beach getaway, a Kindle e-reader, or over \$200 in restaurant gift cards, just by spending \$20.00.

You can! Donate Life Northwest's raffle tickets are still available...but are selling fast. Individuals need not be present at the drawing on August 10th to [win one of seven exciting prizes](#). What's more, all raffle proceeds support programs that register donors and save lives. Buy raffle tickets today!

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

July 30 – Aug 4, 2010

Madison, Wisconsin

Team Northwest is recruiting participants!

**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION****Volunteer Opportunities**

By Judith Trujillo, Director of Programs

It Takes a Village: Tuesday, August 10th: Fore! Help make the 17th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament a success by volunteering your time. We need the help of over 50 volunteers! For additional details and to sign up for a shift, please contact Judith Trujillo, trujillo@ohsu.edu or 503.494.2257. To register to attend the event and play golf please [visit our website](#).

We have a few other volunteer opportunities this summer that still need to be filled. [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.

Join Donate Life Northwest On-Line!!

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

**Stars of the Month**

By Rachel Anderson, Program Coordinator

June: Since April, envelopes full of donor registry forms have arrived day after day in Donate Life Northwest's mail. To assure the timely uploading of the forms to the donor registry, Donate Life Northwest turned to two of our trustworthy and dependable volunteers—**Debbie Sayward** and **Andrea Garafolo**.

Responsible, reliable, and fun to have in the office, Debbie and Andrea saved the day! We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to two volunteers who have literally registered thousands of donors—by physically scanning paper forms into the donor registry. This dynamic duo entered over 600 new registration forms in June! Thank you Debbie and Andrea! We couldn't do it without you!

