

## **December 2008**

This month's Volunteer Star of the Month is **Debbie Sayward**. Debbie has been an active volunteer since 2007. She has covered multiple American Red Cross Blood Drive shifts, assisted at the last two Lifesaver's Breakfast and helped at this summer's golf tournament.

However, it is Debbie's incredible work on our scanning project that has earned her the Star of the Month. Debbie worked tirelessly for hours scanning paper registration forms and uploading them onto the registry. She smashed the record for the most forms scanned in an hour and in two shifts scanned a total of 210 forms!! Debbie's hard work and attention to detail has allowed us to push through an overwhelming number of registry forms that have come in this month.

Additionally, Debbie is a huge Winter Hawks fan and supports Donate Life Northwest at the home games by wearing her Donate Life pin. Thanks Debbie for all you do for us!

## **November 2008**

What a delightful surprise it was on that dreary November afternoon when Donate Life Northwest got a call from **Bonnie Cobb** of Klamath Falls. Bonnie, a heart recipient and the president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary for Oregon, called because she personally selected Donate Life Northwest as the recipient of the Eagles 2008 fundraising efforts. Bonnie explained that her organization had a check to send to Donate Life Northwest. Bonnie then proceeded to announce the amount of the check: \$21,762.42!

Donate Life Northwest is thrilled by Bonnie's kind and unexpected gesture and honored to name her our November Star of the Month. We wish to acknowledge Bonnie for this generous gift that directly supports Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs. Bonnie's kindness is inspiring and we are so grateful to have Bonnie's confidence in our programs. Thank you Bonnie!

## **October 2008**

Three cheers for **Mary Ray**, Donate Life Northwest's Star for October 2008! Mary Ray has been volunteering with Donate Life Northwest since 2006 and has been passionately working for our cause every sense. Mary is a kidney recipient from Albany and enthusiastically shares her story with students and community members in the greater Corvallis/Eugene area. She is always eager to help whenever and wherever she can! She often drives more than an hour away to fill volunteer needs. We cannot thank her enough for her time and support. In the month of October alone, Mary, helped us with multiple short notice volunteer needs. She came to the rescue and volunteered at 4 blood drives and presented to 4 high school classes!! Additionally, she arranged several personal speaking engagements for Donate Life Northwest. We thank her for spreading our mission to so many individuals this month! Thank you Mary!

## **September 2008**

Hats off and heartfelt thanks to **Kathy Greenwood**, Donate Life Northwest Star for September 2008!

A donor mom who is very committed to the Donate Life mission, Kathy has worked with Donate Life Northwest for more than 10 years, volunteering in many capacities, especially in her home community in southwestern Oregon. The last two years Kathy eagerly and capably served as Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Medford area, taking on added responsibilities to recruit, train and coordinate volunteers and helping identify events and venues to increase donor registry sign ups. Her optimism, sense of humor, and devotion to family and mission set the bar for Star of the Month. Thanks so much, Kathy.

## **August 2008**

Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce **Gene Mask** as our August 2008 Star of the Month. Gene, a liver recipient from Longview, WA, shone brightly as a volunteer star during our August Bovine & Wine event. His enthusiasm, humor, and commitment to the cause translated into outstanding raffle ticket sales, far surpassing our goals and expectations for the raffle. Throughout the evening Gene could be heard calling out “Last 5 tickets. Don’t miss out!” We’re not sure exactly how many “Last 5 tickets” Gene sold, but we estimate that well over half the tickets sold that night came from Gene.

We wish to recognize Gene for his commitment to Donate Life Northwest. It is such a pleasure to work alongside someone with such a big heart, wonderful sense of humor and passion for the lifesaving work that we do. We are incredibly fortunate to have him as part of our team. Thank you Gene, for all that you do!

## **July 2008**

Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce **Beth Houser** as our July 2008 Star of the Month. Beth Houser, liver recipient and co-owner of Bethany Vineyards, presented Donate Life Northwest's Bovine and Wine Benefit Dinner and Raffle on August 2nd. We wish to recognize Beth for her hard work and generous support to ensure the success of this year's Bovine and Wine event.

Not only did Beth donate countless hours to plan and organize this important fundraising event, Bethany Vineyards also donated all income from guest attendance and wine-by-the-glass sales, and a beautiful garden party raffle basket. As a result, the event was a great success, raising a net income of approximately \$7,500 to date. We recognize Beth for her commitment to Donate Life Northwest. It is because of generous individuals like her, and successful events like Bovine and Wine, that Donate Life Northwest can carry out our mission and lifesaving message and fund our life saving educational programs. We are incredibly fortunate and grateful to have her as part of our team. Thank you Beth, for your generosity, support and warm heart.

## **May 2008**

Donate Life Northwest is proud to announce **Ruth Prier** and **Loyce Martinazzi** as our May Stars of the Month. We are honoring Ruth and Loyce for their dedication and consistent work year round as office volunteers. Every Thursday these committed volunteers pack and mail materials that are distributed to schools, businesses, civic organizations and churches throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington to promote Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs. Together Ruth and Loyce have donated over 250 hours of their time in the past year to help carry out Donate Life Northwest's mission and lifesaving message. They give selflessly and make a significant contribution toward our vision to ensure everyone waiting for an organ, eye or tissue transplant receives one. We wish to recognize Ruth and Loyce for their efforts, as they are critical to the growth and success of Donate Life Northwest. Thank you Ruth and Loyce for all that you do!