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Tyson Schreiber Honored at the Rose Parade

by STEPHEN RICE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



On December 14, Julianna Schreiber and her daughter Whitney will travel to Pasadena, CA to create a “floragraph” rendering of son and brother, Tyson, who passed away in 2012. The floragraph of Tyson will be one of 81 memorial portraits included in the 125th Rose Parade which will take place on New Year’s Day. Tyson’s mom Julianna remembers him as “the most awesome son you could ever have in your life. He loved life and lived each day to the fullest. We miss him so much, but our beautiful son lives on through others.”

Tyson made an impact on a lot of people during the 19 years of life. There are six other families today that have a second chance to love their loved ones, two people that now can see, and countless tissue recipients who have benefited because of his willingness to give to others.

Donate Life’s float entry features a festival of lanterns illuminating 30 riders – all grateful organ and tissue transplant recipients – and 12 living kidney donors walking on foot to demonstrate their vitality post-donation. Five beautiful lamps will be adorned with the floragraph portraits, such as Tyson’s, whose gifts of life shine a light on us all.

On behalf of our partner agencies, we hope that you will join us in watching the Rose Parade while honoring all donors and donor families, including Tyson and the Schreiber family.

Threads of Life Quilts on Display at Eugene Public Library

by SUE SCOTT, EDUCATION OUTREACH ASSOCIATE

LaVena Nohrenberg, DLNW ambassador and Eugene Public Library employee, has arranged for a quilt display that will include approximately eight quilts and the use of two display cases for the months of December through February. Please stop by to view these beautiful quilts that honor recipients, donors, and our partner agencies: Community Tissue Services, Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank, and Lions VisionGift. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Sue at scotma@ohsu.edu or 541.912.4907.



If you’d like to submit a square for the 2014 Threads of Life quilt, visit our website or call 503.494.7888.

Stars of the Month

by MATT WEBBER, PROGRAM COORDINATOR - COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



Rain, sleet, or snow (but mostly rain) – you’ll find this dynamic duo volunteering at our Portland office each and every Thursday. If you’ve ever requested materials from us then there is a good chance that Ruth Prier & Loyce Martinazzi were the ones who made the copies, sorted the materials, and stuffed the packets. Ruth and Loyce are a great example of two friends using their weekly volunteer opportunity to not only support donation but to also celebrate their friendship and make time for their weekly coffee together. Maybe you and your friend want to do that same?

Email or call Matt at webbema@ohsu.edu or (503) 494-3525 to find out more about volunteer opportunities both inside and out of our office.

Jan Schumacher Inspires at Lifesavers Breakfast

by ALEXIS ANDERSON, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Jan Schumacher's busy life revolved largely around her successful business, until a mysterious blood infection struck. With her family gathered to say goodbye, physicians had no diagnosis and one last hope. The massive steroid injection did keep blood flowing to her organs, but it also cut off the flow to her extremities and destroyed her fingers and much of the skin and muscle in her arms and legs.

On November 6th, Jan enthralled an audience of more than 500 at the Donate Life Northwest Lifesavers Breakfast with the story of her remarkable journey back from the brink, and her gratitude for all the tissue donors who helped make that possible.

Dozens of surgeries with donated tissue were needed to save her life and help her regain function in her arms and legs. Today, Jan savors the gift of life and devotes much of her incredible energy to helping others. She volunteers at the same burn center where she lived for six months, and is a passionate advocate for organ, eye and tissue donation.

Our thanks to Jan Schumacher; presenting sponsors, [Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank](#) and [Legacy Health](#); table captains; and everyone who was inspired to do their part. Supporters gave a total of \$130,000 for programs that grow the registry and build appreciation for the value of organ, eye and tissue donation.



Celebrating or Waiting? Holiday Giving Brings Hope

by ALEXIS ANDERSON, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



For most of us, this is the season of holiday celebration. Justice Williams and his family will also celebrate his 12th birthday this month, and will remember the liver transplant that saved his life when he was just a baby.

The Williams family joins all Donate Life Northwest supporters in celebrating a year of tremendous accomplishments. We can all be proud that nearly 75% of license and ID holders in Oregon and Washington are now registered as donors.

At the same time, we cannot forget that there is more work to be done. Justice's mom Sheryl tells us: **"During the holiday season, I remember that thousands of families cannot celebrate because they face desperate waits or are mourning terrible losses – losses that could be prevented if more people said yes to donation."**

The Williams family will **also remember a baby named Troy** who was in the intensive care unit with Justice. Their families shared the terrible experience of waiting, but their stories had two very different endings. As Justice's family prepared to take him home after his successful transplant, Troy's family was grieving and planning his funeral.

Sheryl is an ER nurse in a children's hospital, and tells us: **"I know how essential it is to help everyone appreciate the value of organ, eye and tissue donation before they might face a sudden loss."**

"That's why my family does our part, and why we are asking everyone who cares about organ, eye and tissue donation to join us in kicking off a new year of accelerated outreach and education. **If you have already done your part with a holiday gift, thank you for joining us! If not, please give today.**"

Are you a registered organ, eye, and tissue donor? Wear your cause on your sleeve! Visit gorecycleyourself.com today to find apparel and accessories for yourself and your loved ones. They make perfect holiday gifts and are great to wear year-round to show your support for the cause!