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Reserve your Lifesavers Breakfast seat or become a table captain!

Contact Anna at 503.494.5388 or pappert@ohsu.edu

Share a Morning of Hope and Inspiration

By Anna Pappert, Development Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest needs 20 more table captains for the [Lifesavers Breakfast](#) on November 14th! By inviting 10 or more guests to be inspired by the power of donation and transplantation and make a contribution in support of Donate Life Northwest's programs, table captains play a critical role in the success of the Lifesavers Breakfast.

Not sure if you can fill a table with 10 or more guests? No problem! Donate Life Northwest can pair you and your guests with another group of supporters to fill a table.

Wondering how to approach potential guests? A great way to begin is "I volunteer with Donate Life Northwest because...and I would like you to join me in supporting this important cause."

Worried most people work during the time of the breakfast? Many employers will allow employees to arrive a little late to work considering the good cause they are supporting. Also, Donate Life Northwest sticks closely to the program agenda, which enables most guests to be in their cars well before 9:00 am.

Not interested in hosting a table? You do not want to miss keynote speaker [Mimi McDonald's](#) story of hope and gratitude! If you cannot be a table captain, Donate Life Northwest would love for you to attend as a guest.

Contact Anna at 503.494.5388 or pappert@ohsu.edu to host a table or reserve your seat. Hope to see you there!



Keynote speaker Mimi McDonald with her daughter Mia.

Win Big with the FirstGiving Challenge!

By Anna Pappert, Development Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest's third annual [FirstGiving](#) Challenge begins on October 1st. The supporter who raises the most money on their virtual fundraising page from October 1st - December 31st will receive a \$100 gift card to Amazon.com! As an added bonus, all individuals who raise \$250 or more will win a \$25 gift card to Amazon.com!

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The [FirstGiving](#) Challenge is perfect for people who are...

- Unable to attend the Lifesavers Breakfast this year but still want to be a part of the FUNdraising
- Attending the breakfast and looking for ways to increase their impact
- Looking for a way to honor someone special
- Celebrating a birthday or transplant anniversary
- Interested in throwing a holiday party but don't want to deal with any planning or messy cleanup

Support Donate Life Northwest's programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors and save lives by getting started today!

- Pick a theme and set a personal fundraising goal
- Build your fundraising page on [FirstGiving](#)
- Promote your page through email and social media
- Win big!



Addie Neal, winner of the 2011 FirstGiving Challenge, raised more than \$3,180 to support Donate Life Northwest.

For assistance with everything from building your page to marketing ideas, contact Anna Pappert at 503.494.7888 or pappert@ohsu.edu.

Back to School with Student Outreach

By Valerie Egan, Education Outreach Coordinator

Student Outreach Programs provide free resources and programs to educators and students throughout Oregon and SW Washington. You can help support Donate Life Northwest's goal of registering young adults, empowering them to make an informed decision by introducing them to the facts and dispelling common myths about donation!

First, visit the [Educational Resources](#) page, then visit Donate Life's [Youtube channel](#). You will find many downloadable tools to support talking about and teaching donation and transplantation awareness.

If you know a young adult, encourage them to check out the [Students Saving Lives](#) programs. They can fulfill community or service senior projects with a Donate Life Student Project, gain social media marketing experience as a volunteer blogger for Go Recycle Yourself, or simply volunteer!

If you know a teacher, Driver's Ed Instructor, or school administrator, show or email them information on [Educators Saving Lives](#). Teachers can request school presentations, interdisciplinary curriculum tools, and download tools and guides for Student Projects – all for *free*. They can also receive quarterly Educator Update email, with the latest news just for teachers.

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Century High School students running a donor designation drive.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

By Valerie Egan,
Education Outreach Coordinator

Observed annually from September 15 – October 15, National Hispanic Heritage Month is a great time to celebrate and educate a people passionate about life. While almost 4,000 Hispanics received organ transplants in 2011, myths regarding donation continue to be major barriers preventing many Hispanics from becoming registered donors.

Help dispel myths and register donors with our [free toolkit](#), available to download year-round.



Devin, skin graft recipient.

Plan now for November's National Donor Sabbath!

By Judith Trujillo, Program Director

Faith groups are a natural and relevant place to talk about the decision to register as an organ, eye and tissue donor. Many faith tenets are conveyed through stories –caring for humanity, the power of giving and loving, and the importance of humility and selflessness.



Father Elly Tavarro; Living kidney donor.

Share your story or that of a friend and ask your faith leader to talk about organ, eye and tissue donation during National Donor Sabbath, November 9 – 11. Check out [tools](#) and [ideas](#) including:

- Letter to local clergy
- Suggested prayers and sermons
- Posters & prayer markers
- Registration table
- Tools in Spanish

Visit Donate Life Northwest's [YouTube](#) to see videos about Donor Sabbath.

Announcing the Facebook Gift Card Giveaway!

By Hannah Schultz, Administrative Assistant

If you haven't already, visit Donate Life Northwest online and help us reach 2,000 Facebook "likes"! Every new friend, people 1, 900-2,000, will be entered into a gift card giveaway.

Be sure to spread the word and help support Donate Life Northwest's mission – saving and enhancing lives through the promotion of organ, eye, and tissue donation!



Star of the Month

By *Patri Thompson, Community Engagement Coordinator*

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



When volunteer Peggy Tolman learned about the Hermiston Family Health & Fitness Day Fair, she jumped at the opportunity to increase awareness around organ, eye, and tissue donation in her community. Because of this community event and her previous involvement with Donate Life Northwest, she clearly is a Star!

Peggy spent Saturday, September 22 manning a booth with brochures and information on donation. After speaking with dozens of people - some who have been affected by organ, eye or tissue transplant and others who had not yet considered registering as a donor- Peggy was excited to report that many people in her community were already registered donors.

Peggy and her family have long been active volunteers and ambassadors for Donate Life Northwest. In 2000, her husband, Robert, gave his father, Lloyd, a kidney, so this family knows first-hand how donation can save lives. Thank you Peggy, and your entire family, for your advocacy, your enthusiasm and your support!

Welcome Community Engagement Coordinator, Patri Thompson!

Patri is pleased to join Donate Life Northwest. She moved to Portland in 2008 and began volunteering in an effort to meet people, give back to her community, and to explore career paths. After a short time, she realized she loved volunteer management and took steps to make that goal a reality. Her background includes work as a college instructor, a web content manager, a researcher and an event coordinator.

Outside of her passion for volunteerism, you might find Patri at home—taking on a home improvement project or gardening. She enjoys the company of her awesome child, Jordan, her wonderful partner, Shardell, and her extremely hairy dog, Sir Niles. She also enjoys reading, hand-writing letters that she sends via the Post Office, knitting, and napping.



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