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Join Us for a Celebration

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Guest speaker,
Jan Schumacher

Donate Life Northwest invites you to attend our most inspiring event of the year, the [Lifesavers Breakfast](#), on Wednesday, November 6th at the Oregon Convention Center. Tissue recipient Jan Schumacher will share her incredible story of survival and gratitude, and we will celebrate the heroes who make donation and transplantation possible.

We are recruiting table captains to spread awareness and raise funds for our lifesaving programs by volunteering to host a table and invite guests. While there is no cost to attend the breakfast, individuals will be asked for financial contributions.

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

National Hispanic Heritage Month

by VALERIE EGAN, EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The lives of nearly 4,000 Hispanic people in the United States were saved last year through organ donation and transplantation. Many thousands more received their sight, health, and mobility through cornea or tissue transplants. [National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) is a great time to celebrate both the recipients and those who made their transplants possible through their decision to Donate Life.

We invite supporters to download our free bilingual [National Hispanic Heritage Month toolkit](#) to share with friends, colleagues and acquaintances.



Calling All Volunteer Ambassadors!

by STEPHEN RICE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

As a member of our community, it is possible that you have invested some volunteer hours with us at some point in the past. We are very interested in learning about your volunteer experiences with us and how we can continue to make those experiences gratifying for you.

You may have received an email from us with a link to a 6-question online survey. By taking this 5-minute survey, we hope to collect valuable information about your needs and interests as volunteers in order to make necessary improvements and changes that will take our volunteer ambassador program from good to great.

The survey will only remain open for a short time! [Please take this survey by September 6th.](#)

You may contact Program Director, Stephen Rice at ricst@ohsu.edu with your questions or to request a paper version of the survey.

Volunteer Ambassador Opportunities

by VALERIE EGAN, EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Whether you are a new or returning volunteer, mark your calendar for a Fall training:

September 11, Portland: New Ambassador Training
 September 12, Eugene: New Ambassador Training
 September 19: Presentations Workshop, Bend
 September 26: Presentations Workshop, Portland
 October 3: Presentations Workshop, Eugene

Event details & RSVP: <http://www.donatelifenw.org/calendar>

Now “hiring”: School Speakers Bureau! If you are an engaging, dynamic, and tech-savvy Ambassador, RSVP for a Presentations Workshop to learn more about our Classroom Presentation program. Contact education@donatelifenw.org with questions about how you can volunteer in local schools!

Donate Life Presentations Workshops: This workshop-style training will provide Ambassadors with tools to provide a rich, factual presentation about organ and tissue donation. Attendance is mandatory for members of our School Speakers Bureau. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested in how to talk about this complex topic – especially teachers, students, new and returning Ambassadors! Contact education@donatelifenw.org with questions.

2014 Donate Life Rose Parade: Dedicate a rose! Individuals, families and organizations are invited to dedicate a rose on the Donate Life float to bear the name of someone who has given, received or awaits the gift of life. [Learn more here.](#)



Golfing for Good

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Donate Life Northwest extends a big thank you to the golfers, volunteers and sponsors who made the 20th Annual Golf Tournament a success. Their support helped us surpass our goal and raise over \$37,800 to support programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors and save lives!



Star of the Month

by STEPHEN RICE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



[Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank's](#) Organ Procurement Coordinators (OPCs) are the September Stars of the Month! In less than 90 days, OPCs, along with their counterparts – the hospital services coordinators, completed 27 transplant cases saving the lives of 88 people!

During this time period, every single OPC worked as many as six shifts that were over 24 hours in length and sometimes as long as 32 hours. While hard to imagine, this blitz meant that a coordinator would be working ‘round the clock to finish a case, get a little sleep, and depending on staffing, start right back in with another case.

The team is tired. Very tired. Despite the exhaustion, no corners were cut in keeping with the deeply committed mentality of the group. It is hard to single anyone out because during this last two and a half month period everyone on the team has been a standout at one time or another. We are deeply grateful for the work that you each do! You have each more than earned the honor of Star of the Month!