

# Dear Friends,

**W**e are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 2021 Threads of Life Quilt, comprised of individually-designed squares created by people touched by organ, eye, and tissue donation. Each square represents a personal and touching story of love, hope, compassion and courage, and serves as a reminder each and every day of the precious gifts of life, sight and mobility given by donors throughout the region.

While a global pandemic has made this past year so difficult for everyone, we are more inspired than ever by the gratitude and strength shown by members of our community. In this, our twenty-third quilt, we celebrate organ, eye, and tissue donors and the recipients whose lives they touched. Donors like Erika Cox, a devoted mother and dedicated nurse, who would have loved knowing that she would have the ability to give life to so many others through her organ, cornea, and tissue donations. And recipients like Kathy Langston, who received the gift of life over 18 years ago, allowing her to watch her 10 great-grandchildren grow. We are truly honored and humbled to be the steward of stories like these through these beautiful quilts.

We hope that you will take the time to learn about each individual represented in this year's quilt, and be inspired by their stories included in this book. Organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation transform lives every day. We would like to express our strong appreciation for those who have made the commitment to register as organ, eye, and tissue donors. If we can raise awareness and inspire others to become donors, we will be raising hope for so many families whose lives will be transformed.

## Leslie Brock

Executive Director  
Donate Life Northwest  
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# HONORING **Cory A. Barr**

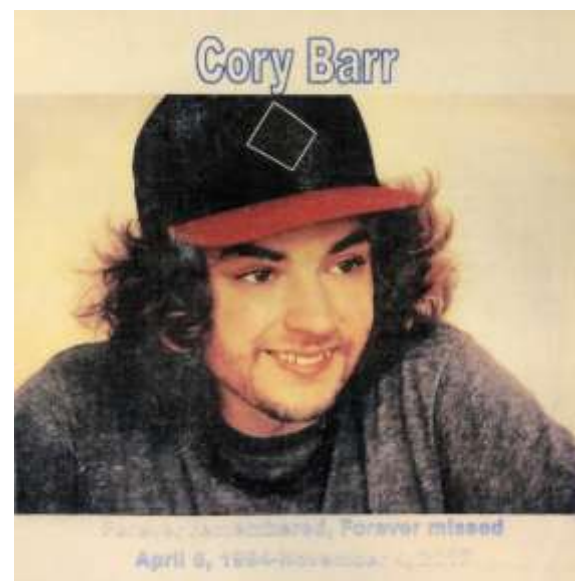
Dundee, Oregon  
Kidney and Liver Donor  
April 6, 1994—November 4, 2017

Cory had a contagious laugh, a gentle spirit, and a loving heart. He loved to create, explore, and challenge himself. As a young teenager, he picked up skateboarding. He didn't care too much about having the newest wheels or perfect trucks for his board, as long as it could get him to where he was going. That board was well-loved, covered tip-to-kick in stickers that Cory collected; he made it his own. Before long he was mastering tricks alongside his friends. He was patient and determined. He was also an avid reader, and a varied one at that. Although Vonnegut was his favorite, he also enjoyed historical texts, biographies, and fantasy. Cory always thought of others. Loyal is the word that best describes him. We love him and miss him dearly, and we are proud that as an organ donor, he could save three lives although he lost his own.



*Quilt square designed &  
submitted by mother,  
Liz Barr.*

*Quilt 23, Block F2*



# HONORING **Gabriel Barrera**

California  
Organ Donor  
December 2, 2012

**E**ight years ago, I had a heart transplant that saved my life. A man I'd never met — a farm worker named Gabriel, from California — shared life with me when his was over. He is my hero, and I think about him every day.

I really enjoy working with Donate Life Northwest. The Threads of Life quilts have been so enjoyable for sharing stories like Gabriel's and mine that highlight the importance of registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor to give the gift of life.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by DLNW Staffer, Sarah Salter, on behalf of Phil Weitz, Gabriel's heart recipient.*

*Quilt 23, Square F1*



# Honoring **Michelle F. Casey**

Happy Valley, Oregon

Organ Donor

May 19, 2019

Our beautiful daughter, Michelle, was always smiling and forever kind and inclusive to everyone. With her big, brown eyes and blonde hair, we called her our “Sunshine-girl” and one of her friends even created a pale ale beer made with sunflowers in her memory called “Bella Sol.” The artwork in the quilt square was the label for that limited-run brew. In that artwork are the sunset-colored hills west of Corvallis, where she was studying kinesiology at Oregon State University. She loved sunsets. The tattoo on her arm is one our family got together and features a sun for her and a moon for her big sister. The dress is a bridesmaid gown from one of her two best friends’ wedding and she wears her favorite angel wing and Irish Claddagh necklace. She left this world on May 19, 2019, but we know she is still with us in spirit. The verse, “LIFE isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass... it’s about learning to DANCE in the rain!” is one she had in her room, and it summed up her sunny outlook. She really did go out and dance in the rain!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by mother, Colleen Casey.*

*Quilt 23, Block B7*





# Honoring **Amy Coombs** Vancouver, Washington Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor

**A**my was a very intelligent and caring young woman who gave back to her community. Although her life was short, she was able to accomplish a great deal. Her acts of kindness were plentiful, and her service to others could be seen throughout her community.

Dying too soon, Amy's generosity continued through donation. In 2000, Amy was able to give the ultimate gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Amy's family is grateful for the gifts she was able to make and continues to honor her legacy through telling her story and advocating for donation.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Amy's mother,  
Terry Hegerle.*

*Quilt 23, Block F5*



# Honoring Giles “Doug” Coon

Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donor

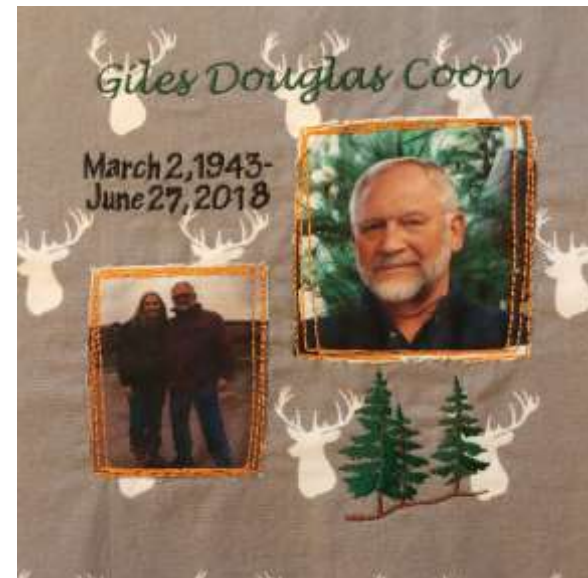
Lakeview, Oregon

March 2, 1943—June 27, 2018

Doug was raised on a dairy farm in Bannister, Michigan. After high school, he left home to see the world via the Army. After 3 years spent mostly in Germany, instead of entering officer training, he opted to finish the education he had started earlier at Michigan State. He graduated in 1971, loaded his El Camino, and headed to California.

The Pacific Northwest is where he got his fill of the woods and mountains he loved. They inspired his quilt square. He spent his career in forestry with the US Forest Service. He met his wife in California in 1978 and raised a son and two daughters in Lakeview, Oregon. He spent most of his spare time hunting and fishing on the Oregon Coast and in later years went as far as Canada. Oregon was truly his home; he became a devout Oregon State fan, hence the black letters and orange thread around the pictures on his square.

Doug always wanted to be an organ donor. He would love the fact he was able to donate his eyes, skin, and tissues to help others. The second picture on the square is Doug with his eldest daughter, Erika. She, too, gave the gift of life in 2020 after passing from a brain aneurysm at the age of 38. We hope they are together again, looking down on us.



*Quilt square created and submitted by Doug's daughter, Natalie Shields & his wife, Mary Coon. Design assistance by friend, Misty McClure.*

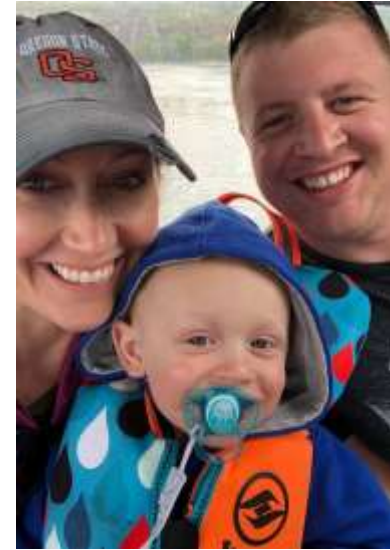
*Quilt 23, Block C6*

# HONORING **Erika L. Cox**

Lakeview, Oregon  
Organ, Cornea & Tissue Donor  
April 29, 2020

**E**rika was raised in the small town of Lakeview, Oregon. She was an outgoing, lively, middle child, who became a very gifted athlete and student. After high school, she went on to play a year of college volleyball. She later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Oregon State. Always having some interest in law, she worked for the circuit court system in Lakeview for two years before changing gears and deciding to pursue nursing. She earned a nursing degree from OHSU in 2012. She went on to work for Sky Lakes Hospital in various departments in Klamath Falls. Shortly after, she met and married the love of her life, Zack, in 2015, welcoming their son, Cody, two years later.

The two pictures on Erika's quilt square give a glimpse of who she was: a dedicated nurse in her professional life and a loving mother. A stethoscope and heart are embroidered to show not only her profession, but Erika's compassionate heart. She poured her heart into everything she did, patients she cared for, friends she had, her family, and her dog, Loomis. She was known for her caring soul and wearing her heart on her sleeve. There is no doubt that she would love the ability to give life to so many others. Erika was able to donate her heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, skin, and tissue. She is missed dearly every day by everyone who loved her.



*Quilt square designed & submitted by  
Erika's sister, Natalie Shields & mother,  
Mary Coon.*

*Quilt 23, Block D4*



# Honoring **The Anonymous Tissue Donors for Nevaeh Dewitt**

Portland, Oregon  
May & December 2020

I received two ligaments transplants to be able to run, play softball, and live my life to the fullest. I am ready to fully heal and join my high school softball team. Thanks to my two deceased donors, my knees are able to fully function and let me be an active teen.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by tendon allograft recipient, Nevaeh Dewitt.*

*Quilt 23, Block D7*



# Honoring **Robert Esparza**

Gresham, Oregon  
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
October 28, 1994—September 24, 2016

**R**obert was a smart, hardworking, honest young man. He loved helping our neighbors and his sisters. We did many things together: camping, fishing, and remodeling. He helped over 17 people with his donated gifts, and I will always be proud of my son.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Robert's father,  
Simon Esparza.*

*Quilt 23, Block A6*



# Honoring **Daryl Gibson**

Coos Bay, Oregon

Cornea Donor

February 25, 1966—May 13, 2020

**D**aryl was a fun-loving person with a spontaneous spirit for adventure. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He had a goofy side with a quirky sense of humor. He loved animals, the forest, the beach, and enjoyed camping, road trips, bicycling, hiking, and exploring anything that caught his interest, which was just about everything! He had a very curious nature, most times good, sometimes NOT so much. Life may have slowed him down, but he never let it stop him from enjoying the adventures that life had to offer... to the fullest.



*Quilt square designed &  
submitted by Daryl's  
wife, Lana Gibson.*

*Quilt 23, Block C7*



# Honoring **Stephany Henson**

Medford, Oregon  
Cornea and Tissue Donor  
January 13, 2018

**A**lways in deep thought, my mom loved spending time in gardens. This quilt square is dedicated to a woman who loved getting her hands dirty to bring forth beauty and nourishment to others. We are so thankful that even in her passing, she was able to help others.

We love and miss you, Mom!



*Quilt square designed & submitted by Stephany's daughter, Shawna Schleif.*

*Quilt 23, Block C4*





# Honoring **Mark Howlett**

Spokane, Washington  
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
August 29, 2020

**M**ark had several loves in his life, which included his wife Cathy and two children, Anna & Joseph. Also, his golden lab, Emmi & all the animals he cared for at his veterinarian clinic.

Mark passed suddenly from a brain aneurysm at age 46. Besides his immediate family, he is survived by his mother, Kathleen; his brothers, John, Andrew, and Charles, and sister, Melissa; and their families. He had numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, John, in 2005.

Mark was an avid duck hunter and was known for his ability to call in birds. He was often a guide to his friends as he preferred bringing in the ducks rather than shooting them. During the elk hunt, he called in bulls for his brother, Andy, and took pictures.

He enjoyed Anna's gymnastics meets, dance & violin recitals. Joseph had an enthusiasm for soccer, baseball, karate & golf. I must also add that Mark could also navigate his TV remote. Mark exhibited wit, loyalty, kindness, and courage. He believed in standing up for what he believed and felt others should do the same. In his death, others can live, which comforts the family. He can live on in the gifts he gave to others.

It was always a privilege to be his Mom. Stand in the light, Marky.



*Quilt square designed and submitted  
by Mark's mother, Kathleen.  
Quilt 23, Block C2*



# Celebrating **Lynn Jones**

Salem, Oregon

Living Kidney Donor

February 1, 2021



**Alix** Brant had lived most of her life with kidney disease, but it wasn't until she was in her 40s that she reached Stage 5 kidney disease and had to face peritoneal dialysis. For three and a half years, her faithful husband helped her each night as she hooked up for her dialysis treatments. Meanwhile, just a couple of miles down the road lived Lynn Jones. Alix and Lynn had known each other a little in high school, but had never been close. But Lynn had gotten to know Alix's daughter, Kelsie. And when Lynn learned how sick Kelsie's Mom was, Lynn decided that she wanted to help Kelsie keep her Mom, and she began the process to get tested as a living kidney donor. Doctors had said that Alix might be hard to match to a donor, but miraculously, Lynn was an exact match, and on February 1, 2021, gave Alix the gift of life. Alix calls Lynn a miracle and says that Lynn isn't just a friend anymore... now, she's part of the family.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Alix Brant,  
Lynn's kidney recipient.*

*Quilt 23, Block D1*



# Honoring **Kathy Langston's Anonymous Kidney Donor**

Eugene, Oregon  
March 19, 2003

**O**n March 19, 2003, a generous anonymous donor gave the gift of a life — a kidney that has (so far) given Kathy Langston 18 more years of life and the ability to watch her 10 great-grandchildren grow!



*Quilt square designed &  
submitted by kidney recipient,  
Kathy Langston*

*Quilt 23, Block E3*



*Quilt square designed &  
submitted by kidney recipient,  
Kathy Langston*

*Quilt 23, Block D5*



*Quilt square designed &  
submitted by Nelda Copsey,  
sister of kidney recipient, Kathy  
Langston*

*Quilt 23, Block F3*



# Honoring **Loren Leighton**

Springfield, Oregon  
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
November 11, 2018

Loren was a man of faith. He was the husband of 40 years to his wife, Irene; father of 3 daughters & their husbands; grandfather (Baba) to 3 grandchildren at the time of his passing. He was the oldest brother of his siblings, a friend & a mentor.

He loved being in God's beautiful creation as he fished, hiked, camped and vacationed. Loren especially loved when his family and friends were sharing these same experiences with him. He became a runner later in life; he ran mainly half marathons but qualified for the Boston Marathon a few months prior to his tragic ladder accident. He was a loyal and respected employee and colleague for the pulp/paper industry, working at the same mill throughout his career. He was methodical and analytical as he used spreadsheets to find solutions. Those skills carried over in preparation for hikes and vacations.

He was trustworthy, loyal and gifted. He didn't live his life out of fear, but trusting in God. Loren was generally a more reserved person, but could talk at length about his favorite topics: his faith, fishing, and running! He thoroughly enjoyed having 3 daughters and being their support and help in all situations. His encouragement and advice is sorely missed by all of us.

We are grateful his donated life has given others renewed hope.



*Quilt square was designed & submitted by Loren's wife, Irene Leighton, pictured holding his floragraph at the 2019 Rose Festival Parade.*

*Quilt 23, Block E6*





# Honoring **Darryl A. Lewis, Sr.**

Portland, Oregon  
Heart, Liver, and Kidney Donor  
November 8, 1985—October 16, 2020



**D**arryl was a kind, gentle soul. A mountain of a man with a big heart, he was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He was a protector and provider for his family. His children were his world. He worked hard and loved even harder. He enjoyed life and always had the biggest smile on his face.

Darryl worked various jobs in the warehouse industry: sanitation, forklift driving, packing and receiving. He graduated from high school and enrolled in Job Corps, where he trained in construction. He became certified in masonry and carpentry.

It is no surprise that Darryl was an organ donor. He would give his last if he knew you really needed it. He was able to donate his heart, kidneys, and liver. Whomever the recipients are of his organs will have an abundance of joy and love inside of them.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27 KJV

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Angelique Croxton,  
Darryl's mother.*

*Quilt 23, Block B4*



# Honoring **David Norman**

Vancouver, Washington

Cornea Donor

November 7, 2018

**D**avid was a man who enjoyed life. Watching WWE, going to Disneyland, and watching his favorite sports teams consumed much of his time. He made an impact on the lives of everyone he met with his sense of humor and loving character. He is missed by his family and friends.



*Quilt square designed & submitted  
by Anna Norman, David's mother.*

*Quilt 23, Block A4*

Honoring  
**Bobby Olive, Sr.**  
Portland, Oregon  
Oregon's First Heart Donor  
February 12, 1958—December 4, 1985

~  
**Martha Vanarsdale**  
Mother of Bobby Olive, Sr.

~  
**Wesley Merrill**  
Bobby Olive Sr.'s Heart Recipient



**B**alinda Olive-Beltran created this quilt square to honor her brother, Bobby Olive, Sr., who was Oregon's first heart donor, as well as their mother, Martha Vanarsdale, who made the decision at her son's death to donate his heart to recipient, Wesley Merrill. Though Bobby, Martha, and Wesley have passed on, both the Olive and Merrill families still carry on the legacy of giving life through volunteering and sharing their story.



*Quilt square designed & submitted  
by Balinda Olive-Beltran, sister of  
Bobby and daughter of Martha.*

*Quilt 23, Block C5*

# Honoring **Curtis Peterson**

Portland, Oregon  
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
December 11, 1989—March 26, 2014

Curtis was an adventurous young man who lived his 24 years of life to the fullest before a motorcycle accident ended his time here on earth. He was an apprentice carpenter working towards becoming a journeyman and was the first to volunteer to work high up in the air. Curtis had a big family and lots of friends who meant the world to him, and he would do anything for them. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was kind and patient with younger people who would gravitate toward him wherever we went. We have lots of memories of camping and Curtis showing a young child how to fish. He had a close group of friends who shared lots of shenanigans and many hilarious memories that will live on. Curtis had a contagious laugh and we will forever miss how he would throw his head back and laugh out loud.

Our family was adamant about organ donation, so there was no question on what Curtis would want us to do. We will be forever grateful to Donate Life Northwest for their kindness to us during that devastating time, as well as all they do to honor the donor families as time goes on. Curtis was able to donate his corneas, kidneys, liver, lungs, and tissue.



We take comfort knowing that our sweet boy was able to be someone else's miracle, as well as ours.

*Quilt square designed & submitted  
by Vicki Peterson, mother of Curtis  
Peterson.*

*Quilt 23, Block B5*

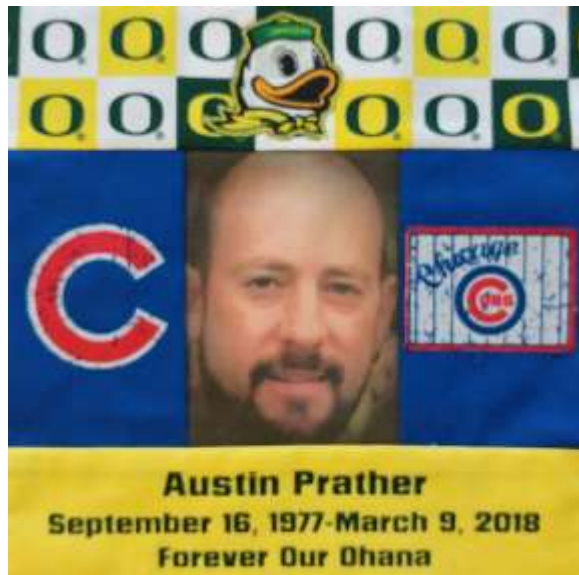


# Honoring **Austin Prather**

Portland, Oregon  
Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
March 12, 2018

**A**ustin Prather was a person who made the world better just by being here. He was a son, brother, uncle, husband, and father. He loved his family deeply, especially his three children, who were his whole universe. He was an educator, a peace keeper, a helper, an athlete, a coach, a motivator, a joker, and a true friend.

*Quilt square designed & submitted by Austin's sister,  
Chantal Wright.  
Quilt 23, Block A5*



# HONORING **Mary Catherine Reid**

Central Point, Oregon  
Cornea and Tissue Donor  
September 15, 2013

Mary Catherine Walsh Reid was born in Chicago in 1940. She loved irises and had many bulbs in her garden. She also loved to sew, knit, cross-stitch, and quilt. She became a donor in 2013 and would have been honored to have given a better life to 22 people. We miss her dearly.

*Quilt square designed & submitted by Bob and Kelly Reid,  
Mary Catherine's husband and daughter.*

*Quilt 23, Block D3*



# HONORING **Roland W. Richards**

Portland, Oregon

Cornea Donor

June 22, 1971—October 20, 2020

**R**oland Richards, passed away in October 2020 after a short but brave battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. Roland was one of the kindest, funniest, most generous people I've known. A Creative Director at Intel, Roland was also a phenomenal photographer, and lent his skills to DLNW as a photographer for the 2018 Tabor Trot. His generosity continued after he gave the gift of sight to others through cornea donation. We all miss him so much, but he would have loved knowing he was able to help others after he's gone.

*Quilt square designed & submitted by Leslie Brock, DLNW  
Executive Director and friend of Roland Richards.*



*Quilt 23, Block F7*



# Honoring **Susan M. Riddell**

Portland, Oregon

Cornea Donor

November 18, 1953—May 5, 2020

**S**usan Carol Morris Riddell, daughter of Thomas and Rosann Morris, passed away in Portland on May 5, 2020 after a 16-year battle with neuroendocrine cancer. She was brave beyond belief in her fight with this disease.

Susan worked in computer information security and was highly regarded in her field. Susan loved music (especially the Beatles), reading, gardening, as well as doing puzzles on her tablet. She loved all of her family, her fur babies, and the hummingbirds she fed year-round.

Susan was a cornea donor and then chose to be cremated and have her ashes spread on Mt. Hood. When her family looks east, she will always be there. They take comfort in knowing they “have a powerful angel looking after us now.”

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Rosann Morris,  
mother of Susan Morris Riddell.*

*Quilt 23, Block E2*





# Honoring **Brian Jack Robinson**

Portland, Oregon  
Cornea and Heart Valve Donor  
February 18, 1993

**M**y son, Brian Jack, was a happy, healthy, sweet little boy. Named after his maternal grandfather, Jack Coefield, he loved his older brother, Colin, his Mom and Dad, his friends, and playing baseball. Brian brought so much joy to everyone he met. He had a delightful laugh and made people smile. Even at his early age, he showed true compassion for others, championing kids who struggled with making friends. Brian absolutely adored his dog, Sparkle. She was the love of his life. Tragically, Brian died in an accident on February 18, 1993 at the age of 7. He was able to donate his corneas and heart valves. This year's quilt square honors his memory and his love of dogs.



*Quilt square designed & submitted  
by Leslie Coefield, Brian's mother.*

*Quilt 23, Block E7*

Celebrando | Celebrating  
**Luisa Serrano**

*y honrando a su donante de riñón | and honoring her kidney donor*

**Mathew**

Portland, Oregon

April 9, 2001

**L**e doy gracias a Dios por la decisión que los padres y el muchacho tomaron para que el fuera un donante. Gracias a Dios y a Mathew yo tengo una vida normal y dos hijos. Y gracias a todo eso yo tengo salud.

**I** thank God for the decision that the parents and the boy made for him to be a donor. Thanks to God and Mathew, I have a normal life and two children. And thanks to all of this, I am healthy.

*Creado y presentado por Maria Filizola y Nevaeh Dewitt.*

*Colcha 23, Cuadrado E4*

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Maria Filizola and Nevaeh Dewitt.*

*Quilt 23, Block E4*



# Honoring **Mark Smith**

Eugene, Oregon  
Kidney and Pancreas Recipient  
April 6, 1961–April 2, 2017

**M**ark was 14 when he learned he was a Type 1 Diabetic. He lived with it for 30 years until he received a pancreas/kidney transplant on March 13, 2006.

He was a huge sports fan, with baseball (Dodgers) his favorite. Loved their announcer, Vin Scully, and hoped God sounded like him. Collecting baseball cards and memorabilia was a favorite pastime.

He loved music and concerts and enjoyed local bands that cousins Rica and Joe played in. He had a huge collection of Rolling Stones music.

Lighthouses and nautical-themed items were another favorite.

Family and friends were a top priority, and he always wanted to be of help to them.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Mark's mother, Deanna Grimes.*

*Quilt 23, Block D6*



# Honoring **Nicholas F. Spencer**

Gleneden Beach, Oregon  
Organ and Cornea Donor  
September 27, 1984–July 11, 2020

**M**y fourth child following three lovely sisters, Nicholas was mothered through life, but never found it irritating, rather finding humor and tolerance in all the attention. As a result, he grew into a man of caring with a willingness to offer help to anyone. His epilepsy, which manifested itself at age twelve, was a “bothersome” aside, slowing him down at times, taking away some of his freedoms, but also providing a chance to show others that those with it are as capable as anyone of working hard and participating in life fully, just “no tall ladder work, please!”

Nick would have loved to have joined the military and trained to be a helicopter pilot, but that opportunity was not open to him. Instead his work history included highline logging with his uncle and cousin in Montana, retrofitting homes for the elderly with new efficient windows and insulation with a non-profit in southern Idaho, landscaping for several companies in Idaho, working as part of the kitchen staff at a great restaurant on the canyon rim in Twin Falls, and when he moved with his fiancée to the Oregon coast, housekeeping and maintenance and landscaping there.

In making the bold move to relocate to the coast together, new experiences opened up. He taught himself to crab and hunt clams. They walked the many beaches, hiked the hills, and learned new recipes to cook on the grill. His fiancée’s dad loved to fish and shared that pleasure often with Nick. He embraced his new life with the same fervor he had expressed in throwing himself into all his previous experiences.

We all lost a beautiful human when we lost our son, brother, partner, friend, nephew, grandson... good, kind, loving, hard-working human being.



*Quilt square designed by Rita Hanley,  
Nick's grandmother. Submitted by Nick's  
mother, Kitty Martin.*

*Quilt 23, Block A3*





# Honoring **William D. Weir**

Portland, Oregon  
Cornea Donor  
September 22, 2020

**W**illiam D. Weir, PhD, was a professor of physics and chemistry at Harvard and Reed College. He left this to pursue computer engineering in the 1970's. He built and sold two computer companies and created an independent computer consulting business that took him into retirement. Bill was an avid reader and researcher, always seeking knowledge. He loved to travel the world and experience all that life had to offer including cuisine, wine, landscapes, and cultures. He became a true connoisseur of great food. A true "foodie," he researched recipes and cooked. He shared his love and passion for life through Buddhist workshops. He loved sharing the gifts of peace and compassion with others. His greatest treasure, though, was his children and grandchildren. He was always so proud and cherished every moment with them.

Bill led a wonderful and full life; though it seemed to be cut short. "How did we get here?" His family and friends will always miss him. He lived life big and his love for life was his gift to others.

*Square designed and submitted by Bill's daughter,  
Wendy Weir-Raynor.*

*Quilt 23, Block B3*



# Honoring **Jeffrey Wood**

Eugene, Oregon  
Cornea Donor

September 21, 1962—March 19, 2018

Jeff was a driven person who enjoyed the simpler things in life. He had a great love of music since a young teenager and attended concerts every chance he had. He decided to help local teens and his son grow into their bands by giving them a place to practice and helping them get to gigs and making sure they had equipment. He attended and supported their concerts whenever possible. He then took up guitar as enjoyment and as a pastime and hobby.

Jeff created a successful family business and raised four wonderful children and three grandchildren, through whom his legacy lives on. Jeff touched many lives throughout his years in business and helped many who needed a helping hand. He was giving person to anyone that was in need. He will always be remembered and loved.



*Quilt square designed  
and submitted by Erin  
Wood, Jeff's wife.*

*Quilt 23, Block F6*



# Honoring **Kaitlyn Wright**

Organ, Cornea, and Tissue Donor  
December 13, 2020

**K**aitlyn Clare Kelly Wright was a passionate and loving mother, adored wife, beloved daughter, friend to all she met, and champion for those in need. Kaitlyn had a zest for life that was evident in all she did. Whether it be scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef, hiking grand mountain ranges with nothing but a backpack, rescuing and nursing animals back to health in her backyard, feeding and clothing the homeless, or fighting for the conservation of this planet, Kaitlyn did it all with a smile on her face and a steadfast belief that we could all do more.

Kaitlyn loved animals. She loved to travel and share a good time with anyone she met. Her laughter was contagious; her smile one-of-a-kind. She wasn't afraid to speak her mind, and she had an uncanny ability to do so respectfully, in a way that got her message across without dehumanizing the person she disagreed with. When it came to caring for children, everything came easily to her. If you knew Kaitlyn, she was going to give you a hug. If you didn't know her, you were probably going to get one anyway. She loved life more than anyone you'll ever meet, and though hers ended far too soon, we are positive she's showing off that perfect smile of hers at the idea that others will be getting to live theirs a little longer because of her selfless organ donations.



*Quilt square designed & submitted  
by Kaitlyn's mother, Wesley Snell.*

*Quilt 23, Block E5*



## Celebrating **Our Community Partners**



**Community Tissue Services** is the non-profit tissue bank in Oregon, serving healthcare providers with recovery, processing and distribution of human tissue grafts used for transplantation across the nation.

*Square designed and submitted by CTS staffer, Heidi Stewart.*

*Quilt 23, Block B2*



**Lions VisionGift** is the non-profit eye bank serving the state of Oregon and SW Washington. Through the generosity of brave donors and their families, LVG is able to provide safe and effective cornea grafts for sight-restoring surgeries throughout the state and across the nation.

*Square designed and submitted by DLNW staffer, Carolina Hunt.*

*Quilt 23, Block D2*



**Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank** is the federally-designated non-profit organ procurement organization serving Oregon, SW Washington, and Western Idaho. Their staff works with hospitals to ensure collaboration on organ and tissue donation. They also provide support to donor families and ensure clear communication between the donor family and recipient.

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# Celebrating Donate Life Northwest Programs



**The Erase the Wait Mentorship Program** is a program for waitlisted kidney patients in which they are paired up with a mentor to support them in their outreach efforts to find a living kidney donor.

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*Quilt 23, Block A7*



**GoRecycleYourself.com** is a campaign of Donate Life Northwest. Our goal is to debunk the common myths which prevent registration, provide a resource for those interested in learning the facts about donation, and build an online community of donation supporters.

*Square designed & submitted by  
DLNW staffer, Marissa Markintire*

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**Women Encouraging Living Donation (WELD)** is a group of women whose mission is to increase, encourage, and support living donation through public-facing educational outreach.

*Square designed & submitted by  
WELD volunteer, Patrice Ball.*

*Quilt 23, Block B6*

# Celebrating **Volunteers**

**E**ven in a pandemic, our incredibly dedicated volunteers have devoted their time and energy to spreading the word about the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation! We cannot say thank you enough!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Sarah Salter on behalf of the Donate Life Northwest staff and board of directors.*

*Quilt 23, Block A2*



