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## April is National Donate Life Month



How are *you* celebrating? National Donate Life Month is that special time of year when local, regional and national organizations unite to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors, and to celebrate the donors who make possible the gift of donation.

Visit our [Educational Resources](#) to download registration forms, toolkits, videos, and beautiful graphics to help spread the word in *your* community.

View the [Donate Life Northwest Events calendar](#) to RSVP for gatherings in your neighborhood, like perhaps the tree plantings in [Beaverton](#) and [Eugene](#). Or may we suggest Blue and Green Day, which you can participate in at home, school, or work?

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Win a Hawaii Vacation!

Donate Life Northwest's Benefit Raffle is officially underway! There are four great prizes, including a six night Maui getaway. Tickets are only \$20 each, and even if you don't win a prize, your generosity will help raise \$22,000.00 for programs that register donors and save lives.

[Purchase your tickets here.](#)

### Grand Prize: Maui Getaway

Six nights in a charming [Maui condo](#) with round trip airfare for two on Alaska Airlines.

*Courtesy of Bruce Shelley and Alaska Airlines*

Value: \$3,700

### 2nd Prize: Bend Getaway

A three night stay at Seventh Mountain Resort in Bend, OR, \$100.00 gift card to Deschutes Brewery, and a half-day adventure tour at Wanderlust Tours.

*Courtesy of Jack & Joan Snook, Deschutes Brewery, and Wanderlust Tours*

Value: \$1,024.00

### 3rd Prize: Hotel Monaco Romance Package

Overnight stay in a King Suite at the Hotel Monaco in Portland, OR. Includes champagne, rose petals and a meal for two.

*Courtesy of Terri Thornberg and the Comeau Family, in loving memory of Kyle Comeau*

Value: \$500.00

### 4th Prize: Kindle Fire Package

A 16GB Kindle Fire HD with a 7" HD Display and a \$50.00 gift card to Amazon.com.

Value: \$219.00

**The raffle drawing will be held at 12:00pm on June 25th at the Donate Life Northwest office. Individuals need not be present to win. Some restrictions apply. 1100 tickets for sale.**



## Threads of Life Quilt to be Unveiled!



As a part of National Donate Life Month, we will be unveiling the 2014 Threads of Life Quilt. This quilt is very much a labor of love – from the 60+ people who designed squares for their loved ones, to the four dedicated volunteer quilters who put the quilt together. We are very excited to present this year's quilt on April 5 in Eugene, OR and on April 19 in Vancouver, WA.

Also, [keep your eyes open for additional events](#) that may bring the quilt to a DLNW event near you!

## Host a Donor Drive!

Know a student? Part of a youth or civic group? Or are you just a great community advocate? Organizing a campus, community or workplace donor drive is a great way to spread the word about donation and register local donors.

1. Determine your date(s), venue and time.
2. [Request free materials from Donate Life Northwest.](#)
3. Promote your drive. Ask us for tips!
4. Gather your tools and volunteers. Check our [Educational Resources](#) for the latest facts and information.
5. Take pictures, pat yourself on the back, and share your success with Donate Life Northwest!



For more pointers and resources, just visit our Student section of the website: <http://www.donatelifenw.org/students>

## Stars of the Month



This month, we would like to honor four ladies as our stars of the month: Ann, Jan, Bertha, and Cheryl (*not pictured*), or as we call them around the office, "The Quilt Ladies." These four fantastic ladies just spent over 100 combined volunteer hours to make this year's *Threads of Life* quilt. Year after year, they come together to help create this piece of educational art both honoring and celebrating the gifts of life, sight, and mobility. We tip our hats this month to The Quilt Ladies and their hard work and dedication.

## Kidney Paired Donor Exchange Study

Are you, or a loved one, waiting for a kidney transplant and actively listed on the deceased donor waiting list? Are you thinking about being a living donor for someone who needs a kidney transplant?

Researchers at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) are looking for participants to be in a research study. The purpose of this study is to learn if a kidney paired donation (KPD) exchange program, based in the Northwest United States region, is effective in increasing kidney transplants in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). We do not know if this KPD exchange program will help ESRD patients receive a kidney transplant.

To learn if you are eligible to participate in this study, please contact James Dursch at 503-494-7823.

