



### In This Issue:

You Are a Lifesaver!

In the Schools

Family Night @ The Blazers!

Star of the Month

We've Moved!

Let's Walk!

## You Are a Lifesaver!



We would like to extend a huge thanks to all who did their part at the recent Lifesavers Breakfast, generously contributing more than \$130,000 to improve health and save lives through Donate Life Northwest programs.

Keynote speaker, longtime volunteer, and generous contributor, Scott Nance, shared both the grief and the joy of his daughter Carrie's legacy of restoring sight and saving lives through donation. Scott and Carrie's story helped many of the hundreds in attendance to better understand how the decision to donate can be too much to face in the midst of terrible tragedy – and how one high school project and one family conversation can make all the difference.

If you missed the Lifesavers Breakfast, there is still time to do your part with a [holiday contribution](#). Scott's fellow volunteer board member, Julie Resk, notes: **"This time of year, I remember facing that desperate wait for my daughter's transplant, and I'm inspired to do more when I see the many contributions from families not as fortunate as mine."**

A number of end-of-year gifts are from donor parents like Scott – grateful to have known their teen or adult child's thoughts on donation before tragedy struck, and working to help all families have those conversations.

Others want to build a future where no family will face that desperate wait for transplant ... the father giving in memory of his son, **who died waiting for a liver, but helped others to see through cornea donation...** the mother who celebrating her **baby daughter's legacy, the gift of life she gave with her donated heart valve and tissue.**

Many are inspired to give in memory of Kurt Robinson, a beloved volunteer who paid it forward after his first lung transplant. **Kurt's generosity helped others survive their waits, but he did not live to see the birth of his son this year.** Baby Beckham reminds us all to celebrate donors and their incredible gifts, and to work harder because too many still say "no" to donation.

If we all do our part, we can reach every community resistant to donation, educate every high school student, and help every family have the conversations that save lives. **If you have already made your year-end gift, thank you! If you haven't yet, please make your gift today at [donatelifenw.org/give](http://donatelifenw.org/give)**

## In the Schools: Recycle Yourself!

Our high school outreach programs are growing! Did you know that a team of 30 highly-trained volunteers, in addition to DLNW staff, are giving our Recycle Yourself presentation to schools in Oregon and SW Washington? This fall alone, we have traveled to 27 different cities, 65 schools, and reached over 7,000 students with the facts about donation. We are also thrilled to see that our brand new, locally-produced Recycle Yourself curriculum is making waves, attracting new schools to the issue of donation thanks to its easy-to-use Common Core-aligned lessons, activities and projects. In fact, eight other states have downloaded and are using this tool. Any teacher (or Donate Life supporter) can download this comprehensive guide to organ, eye and tissue donation for their science, health, medical careers or driver's education classrooms – for FREE at [GoRecycleYourself.com](http://GoRecycleYourself.com).

Do you know a school, teacher, or student who might be interested in free resources? Contact [education@donatelifenw.org](mailto:education@donatelifenw.org), call 503-494-7888, or go to [GoRecycleYourself.com](http://GoRecycleYourself.com).



## Calling All Blazers Fans: Join Us For Donate Life Night!



According to the [2012 National Survey of Organ Donation Attitudes and Behaviors](#), only 51% of the population has discussed their decision to donate organs, eyes and tissues after death with their family. This means that for many families, donation is just not on the radar.

To shine a spotlight on the topic of donation, DLNW is hosting a **Family Night with the Portland Trailblazers** on Thursday, February 5th. Join us and thousands of fans to watch the Blazers take on the Phoenix Suns, and help raise awareness of the need for organ, eye and tissue donors!

Discounted tickets are available, but must be purchased by January 2, 2015. If we sell over 150 tickets, Donate Life supporters will get to play on the court before the game! Make a night of it – recruit your friends, family and the Blazers fans in your life to support the cause!

To purchase discounted tickets for Donate Life Family Night with the Blazers: <http://www.rose-quarter.com/donatelife> Promo Code: DONATELIFE

## Star of the Month: Dave Bartling

December's Star of the Month is Dave Bartling of Springfield. Dave volunteers to honor his son Matthew, a cornea donor, who was only 14 when he suddenly passed away from a congenital heart problem.

Dave has been an active ambassador since January 2014. Because of his background as a trainer and keen interest in presentations, Dave also attended School Speakers training and has reached over 300 students with our message.

As a member of the 2014 Eugene/Springfield Faith Committee, Dave helped develop strategies for reaching out to local faith communities for National Donor Sabbath. Recently, he met with a group of Roman Catholic priests to tell his story about Matthew and to gain their support in sharing with Catholic congregations. He also spoke at another local church for Donor Sabbath.

We appreciate so much Dave's enthusiasm, ideas, practical contributions, and constancy. In 2014, Dave either attended or participated in DLNW activities almost every month of the year. That's dedication! Thank you, Dave.

## We've Moved!

Donate Life Northwest moved to a new office space in late October. This was a major undertaking, but we're pleased to let you know that our new office space has a great new space for volunteers, is centrally located, and – even has a kitchen sink (a first for our staff)!

If you'd like to visit us, we are open Monday-Friday, 8am – 5 pm at **1515 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 655, Portland, Oregon 97201**.

Our mailing address and phone number remain the same:

PO Box 532  
Portland, OR 97207  
(503) 494-7888

## Let's Walk!

On Saturday, May 30, 2015, Donate Life Northwest will be hosting [our first family fun walk](#). More details will be shared as they become available. We hope to see you there!

