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Ambassador Networking Night

by PATRI THOMPSON, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR



Research shows that word-of-mouth and personal conversations about donation are the most effective ways to encourage someone to register. Donate Life Northwest's amazing volunteers prove that every day. To empower them to cultivate, support, and increase the creative and effective community outreach they already are doing, we have created a new program: Donate Life Northwest Ambassadors!

What is an Ambassador? Ambassadors are donor families, transplant recipients, transplant families, living donors, everyone – including teachers, students and health care professionals - who wants to actively and locally promote the donor registry and organ, eye, and tissue donation education. An Ambassador is you!

Our upcoming Ambassador Networking Night will allow our diverse community to come together and learn about the kinds of outreach possible in your community and how Donate Life Northwest can support you in reaching those communities. This Ambassador model of volunteerism is used with great success in other Donate Life agencies all over the U.S.

Ambassadors will receive information, toolkits, and ideas to take to their communities, workplaces, faith and civic groups. The goal: to increase the visibility of Donate Life Northwest and awareness of the impact of organ, eye, and tissue donation. Networking Nights are an opportunity to meet or reconnect with others, learn, ask questions and enjoy light refreshments and fun surprises.

The best way to get involved with Donate Life Northwest is to come to the first Ambassador Networking Night and bring a friend on Wednesday, March 13th from 6pm-8pm, location TBD. Please RSVP [online!](#)

Be a Valentine, Be a Hero!

by JUDITH TRUJILLO, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Valentine's Day is a time for love, and donation is the gift of life. Celebrate National Organ Donor Day February 14th and join the movement to get more people to sign up on the organ, eye and tissue donor registry.

National Donor Day was started in 1998 by the Saturn Corporation and its United Auto Workers partners with the support of the US Department of Health and Human Services and many nonprofit health organizations.

Upcoming Events!

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Make sure to get these exciting events on your 2013 calendar!

Chevys Fresh Mex Fundraising Day

February 27th, all day

Restaurants in Hillsboro, Clackamas and Vancouver

Bring your flier and Chevys will contribute 15% of your meal proceeds to Donate Life Northwest

Pastini Pastathon

April 1st & 2nd, all day

Pastini Pastaria in Bend and on NW 23rd Avenue in Portland
Mention Donate Life Northwest and 20% of your check will be contributed to Donate Life Northwest's programs

2nd Annual Trivia Night

June 5th, 6:00pm check-in, 7:00pm game begins

McMenamins Mission Theater, Portland, OR

19th Annual Golf Tournament

August 6th, 1:00pm shot gun start

Reserve Golf Club, Aloha, OR

Lifesavers Breakfast

November 6th, 7:30-8:30am

Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

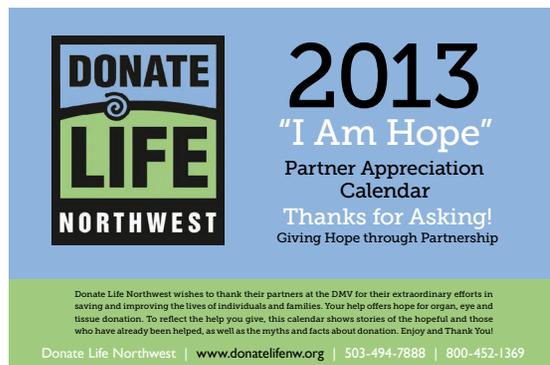
Remember, it is never too early to register by contacting Anna Pappert at pappert@ohsu.edu or 503.494.7888.



Trivia Nite 2012 team contestants display their 1st prize trophy!

Thanks For Asking!

by JUDITH TRUJILLO, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



PSU grad student Jake Trudell designed an appreciation calendar for Donate Life Northwest's partners at the DMV.

It's true! 99% of all donor registrations in Oregon – and across the U.S. - result from people signing up at DMV. In Oregon that means 2.2 million people!

No, it's not the job of the counter staff to answer questions about donation and transplantation, but it IS their job to ask "Do you want to sign up to be an organ donor with a 'D' on your [license / ID]?" Because they ask, Oregon and Washington are among just 5 states with more than 70% of their drivers over age 18 on the donor registry.

Donate Life Northwest plays a two-fold role in increasing donor registration at DMV. First is educating the general public about the importance and impact of donation and transplantation, how to register, and then sharing your decision with your family. Second is educating DMV field office staff about what the 'D' code means, and why it's important.

Hats off to DMV for a job well done!

Star of the Month

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Alicia and her brother Justin.

Alicia Soine was pregnant with her son when she found out she had kidney disease and would one day need a transplant. Eight years later, when her health started to fail and she was put on dialysis, her brother Justin offered to donate one of his kidneys. Fortunately, he was a good match for Alicia and the transplant was a big success. Today Alicia is happy, healthy and thankful for receiving the gift of a lifetime.

In 2012, Alicia not only volunteered as a table captain at the Lifesavers Breakfast, she also started her own fundraising page

on FirstGiving to raise money for Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving programs. During the three month FirstGiving Challenge, Alicia managed to raise a whopping \$2,225 in online contributions to take the first place prize. Way to go Alicia!

Donate Life Northwest is honored and humbled to have such a passionate supporter volunteering their time and energy to promote organ, eye and tissue donation.

Thank you Alicia, for sharing your story and being an inspiration!

2013 Raffle Wish List, There's Still Time To Help!

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



Last year Donate Life Northwest sold an astounding 900 raffle tickets to raise \$18,000 for programs that promote organ, eye and tissue donation and register donors. The goal this year is to sell 1,000 tickets to support life-saving programs. To meet this goal Donate Life Northwest needs your help to secure big-ticket prizes. The wish list includes:

- Tablet computers or E-readers
- Vacation rentals and stays in hotels, resorts or inns
- Gift cards to restaurants, theaters, spas and boutiques

Raffle prizes must be secured by February 15, 2013. All in-kind donations are tax deductible. If you are able to contribute or help secure a big-ticket prize, please contact Anna at pappert@ohsu.edu or call 503.494.5388.



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