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NEWS OF NOTE

DHX Advertising Wins Award for Scalpel Pal Series!

By Anna Pappert, Administrative Assistant

DHX Advertising recently received a Merit Award at the 2011 Rosey Awards for the illustration of Donate Life Northwest's Scalpel Pal series. The series, which includes a website, game, stickers, computer graphic downloads and apparel, is aimed at reaching out to 15-29 year olds with information on organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation, as well as promoting the donor registry.



Describing the design of the Scalpel Pal series, DHX Advertising writes "Livers, lungs, femurs, eyeballs and intestines- not your typical "visual grabbers" on buttons, banners, posters, t-shirts and websites. We chose a light-hearted illustration style to help position human organs as perfectly good body parts you can recycle along with your paper, plastic and bottles. The playful design lessened the gravity of organ donation and allowed us to focus instead on registration, which is simple, easy and only takes a minute."

To see what all the fuss is about, check out <http://gorecycleyourself.com/>.

Liver Transplant Support Group to Host Presentation on Transplant Medications

By Debra Freedman, Program Coordinator

If you are an organ transplant patient, you probably have some burning questions about medications. Joshua Wiegel, Clinical Pharmacist at Oregon Health and Science University, will be speaking at the Liver Transplant Support Group on January 8, 2012, about transplant medications. Dr. Wiegel will address long-term effects of transplant medications; how medications are selected for each transplant patient; and the effect of foods and alcohol on transplant medications. He will also allow time for questions. The presentation will be held at:

Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital
January 8, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Wistar Morris Room
1015 NW 22nd Ave.
Portland, OR

For information about parking and room location, check the Liver Transplant Support Group website: www.LiverSupportNW.org and click on Events tab

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One Quilter's Legacy

By Debra Freedman, Program Coordinator

Scott Fisher is making a special contribution on behalf of his late wife, Kim Fisher, who was an organ donor in June 2010. Kim was a quilter and had a large collection ("stash," as quilters call it) of fabric pieces to be used in future projects. Below is his letter to Rebecca Simon, Donor Family Services Coordinator for PNTB, as he reserved his space for the January 7th Quilt Workshop at Lions VisionGift.

"Over the past year and a half, as I've been sorting and cleaning up my home, I've been wondering what to do with all this fabric, two large-ish cardboard boxes of it. And this email answered that question for me: I would like to donate this fabric to PNTB in January, at the Make a Quilt Square event at Lions Vision Gift, at the time and place listed in the flier.

But there's more that makes this a very special event. Over the past year, as I've been recovering from the loss of my wife, I met a woman who had survived the loss of her love. That bond between us gave us both a richness and a depth of compassion, because whenever one of us was reminded of our loss, the other one has been there to comfort, to soothe, and to understand what we're going through. It's been an amazing love story, filled with hope in the face of tragedy, with the importance of going on in spite of what feels like unbearable sorrow, and with the opportunity to create a future together.

January 7th is the anniversary of the death of her love. So we'll be dedicating this gift in the memory of both of those we have lost.

I look forward to the event in January."

Best,

--Scott Fisher
Tualatin, Oregon

Don't forget to RSVP to the Quilt workshop on January 7th at Lions Vision Gift or January 24th at the Donate Life Northwest office. Please call Debra at 503-494-3525 to RSVP.

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Mark Your Calendar

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Coordinator

The New Year is here! Make sure you get these exciting events on your 2012 calendar.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blood and Organ Donor Registry Drive
January 21st, 9:00am-2:30pm
American Red Cross - Oregon Trail Chapter,
Portland, OR

Quilt Presentation
April 22nd, 1:00pm
Holy Names Heritage Center, Lake Oswego, OR

19th Annual Golf Tournament
August 7th, 1:00pm shot gun start
Reserve Golf Club, Aloha, OR

Lifesavers Breakfast
November 14th, 7:30-8:30am,
Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR

Contact 503.494.7888 for more information.



The 19th Annual Golf Tournament will take place August 7th at the Reserve Golf Club, Aloha, OR.

Raffle Prize Wish List

By Susan Chrzanowski, Development Coordinator



Donate Life Northwest is in need of big-ticket prizes for our 2012 raffle drawing. Our wish list includes:

- Round trip airfare
- Kindles
- iPads
- Gift cards to restaurants, spas and boutiques
- Vacation rentals and stays in resorts or inns
- Complimentary wine tastings

Raffle prizes must be secured by March 31, 2012.

If you are able to donate or help secure a raffle prize, please contact Susan at 503.494.5388 or chrzanow@ohsu.edu.

All in-kind donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from raffle sales support programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors and save lives. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

2012 U.S. Transplant Games are just six months away!!

July 28 - 31, 2012
Grand Valley State University,
Michigan


For more information on the Transplant Games of America, please visit

www.transplantgamesofamerica.org



Star of the Month

By Debra Freedman, Program Coordinator

December: Do you have a D or a  on your driver's license? 2700 Northwest residents waiting and hoping for a transplant to give them their second chance at life think there is only one logical answer to this simple question - YES!

During this busy holiday season, we often don't have time to stop to ask this question. But many people waiting in checkout lines or searching for a parking space in crowded mall lots do have a 'D' on their license. Likewise, many salespeople ringing up our purchases and staying late into the night to help us find just the right gift also have joined their state registry.

Do you ask people if they have a 'D' on their license? We do. YES is the answer over 70% of the time. We thank them and shake their hand. Sometimes there is a quizzical look - "why am I asking?" We tell them we know many fortunate, grateful people who have been given the Gift of Life because someone chose to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

We know we will not meet and individually thank every person who is registered. So let this be our THANK YOU for "walking your talk" of giving the Gift of Life. Consider yourselves our STARS OF THE MONTH!



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