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The Holidays are Over, it's Time To Party

by ANNA PAPPERT, DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The holidays are over and the long six to seven month wait for sunshine in the Pacific Northwest has begun. Looking for a fun way to pass the time and support programs that promote organ, eye and tissue donation? Look no further! Donate Life Northwest has fun ideas for Gather for Good fundraisers you can host in your very own home. Check it out:

- Ugly sweater parties are all the rage - charge an entry fee and contribute your earnings to Donate Life Northwest. Send in your ugly sweater pictures and Donate Life Northwest will post them on Facebook (or not, if you don't want those photos on the Internet).
- Hold your own Trivia Night and charge a fee to play. Donate Life Northwest is happy to provide you with questions & answers related to organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation.
- Read a book related to donation & transplantation with your book club and raise money to support life-saving programs.
- Throw a Super Bowl or Academy Awards party and ask for contributions from guests when they incorrectly guess the score or the winners!
- Be creative! Think of new ways to share what Donate Life Northwest and its mission mean to you, and why it is important to support programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors.

Donate Life Northwest can provide a variety of resources to help make your gathering a success, such as fact sheets, signage, donation/transplantation stories and a DVD which highlights the importance of organ, eye and tissue donation.

For more information, contact Anna Pappert at pappert@ohsu.edu or call 503.494.7888.

Quilt Square Submissions due January 31st!

by PATRI THOMPSON, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

For fifteen years, Donate Life Northwest Ambassadors and Volunteers have created quilt squares to recognize their connection to donation and transplantation. Donor families honor and remember their loved ones who saved and enhanced lives through donation. Transplant recipients thank their donors and honor their renewed health and hope. Those on the transplant waiting list raise awareness about the need for the community to sign up on the donor registry. Anyone can, and is encouraged, to create a square for inclusion.

These quilts each tell a unique story about the power of donation and transplantation. To learn more about how to make a square, visit [here](#). To have your quilt square appear on this year's quilt, which will be unveiled in April 2013, please send them to Donate

Life Northwest's office before January 31st, 2013. Keep an eye on the volunteer [calendar](#) for information on upcoming quilt square workshops or to learn about unveiling events in April 2013.

Additional workshops to create a square:

- Sunday, January 13th, 2-5pm. *Our Sewing Room*, Springfield, OR.
- Wednesday, January 23rd, 1-5pm. *Lions VisionGift*, Portland, OR. Reserved for Veterans.



Request a School Presentation Today!

by VALERIE EGAN, EDUCATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Whether your classroom is public, private, middle, high or secondary, a Donate Life Northwest presentation can be tailored to your group's needs. Do you teach Health & Wellness? A personal story speaker will deliver a Power Point to bust common myths and present the most current facts. If you're a biology, anatomy or health career teacher, a health care professional can focus on the science of donation and transplantation.

This year Donate Life Northwest has worked with Communications, Ethics, Journalism, Graphic Design and Driver's Ed teachers. Donation works in nearly any subject!

If you are in a rural community or prefer to teach about donation yourself, visit the [Educational Resources page](#) for lesson planning tools.

For questions or special requests, please call or email education@donatelifenw.org



Kurt and Lisa Robinson speak to the sports medicine class at Corvallis High School about organ donation. Photo courtesy of Corvallis Gazette Times.

2013 Raffle Wish List

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:

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- Round trip airfare
- Tablet computers or E-readers
- Vacation rentals and stays in hotels, resorts or inns
- Sightseeing cruise or tour
- Complimentary wine tastings
- Gift cards to restaurants, theaters, spas and boutiques

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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.

Oregonians Honored on Rose Parade Float

by JUDITH TRUJILLO, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Nick, Nancy and Becca Kallem, who created Zack's florigraph in Pasadena on December 15th.

A florigraph memorializing Zackary Tyler Kallem of Sherwood, OR was displayed on the 2013 [Donate Life America Rose Parade float](#) inspired by the 2013 Rose parade theme "Oh, the Places You'll Go!". Zack was one of 72 organ, eye and tissue donors so honored who, in their death, saved, healed and gave hope to thousands of people in need. Zack died September 16, 2011 at age 20.

Zack's mother Nancy, her son Nick and daughter Becca traveled to Pasadena, CA in December to create his florigraph, an artistic portrait made by using dried flowers, spices, seeds

and other organic materials to cover a digitized photograph. The florigraph will be returned to Donate Life Northwest and presented along with the 2013 Threads of Life quilt in April, National Donate Life Month.

Also honored by dedications in the memorial rose garden on the 2013 float were DMV employee Stephanie Miles of Salem and veterans from the Portland VA Medical Center who became eye donors in 2011-2012. The VA recently invited the generous donor families of these 22 veterans to the Portland VA for rose dedications.

Star of the Month

by PATRI THOMPSON, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Donate Life Northwest Ambassadors and Volunteers promote awareness in nearly every part of their lives. This month, Donate Life Northwest highlights film student Jason Neufeldt, who created a stunning video about liver recipient and friend, Rob Ayers.

During a video production class, Jason was assigned a group project to create a video on any subject. Since he and Rob had been neighbors and friends, Jason and his classmates decided to highlight how a liver transplant changed Rob's life.

To complete the class requirements, Jason was only required to

make a rough cut, but he spent many extra hours to create a professional version. In the end he delivered a polished piece that can now be used to spread awareness for Donate Life Northwest. View it for free on [Vimeo!](#)



Jason, left, and Rob, right.

Thank you, Jason! This awesome video made you Star of the Month!