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Dear Donate Life Northwest Family,

The organization will have a new executive director when I retire in July, but the mission will remain unchanged thanks to a vibrant community of volunteers, staff and supporters. **Thank you for being part of that community!**

As I prepare to hand over the torch after 28 years, I'm proud to announce that past and present volunteer board members and other dedicated supporters have created the **Mary Jane Hunt Leadership Fund** to support Donate Life Northwest programs. I'm joining them in offering a matching challenge:

[make a special contribution here](#)
and we will
[personally match your gift, dollar for dollar!](#)

This fund will accelerate programs to reach communities resistant to donation and build cultural awareness of the gifts of life, sight and restored health.

Thank you for honoring my work by bringing hope to those who wait!

Gratefully,

Mary Jane Hunt
Executive Director

Raffle Tickets are Going Fast!

Purchase tickets for Donate Life Northwest's 2014 Benefit Raffle and you could be one of this year's lucky winners! Tickets are only \$20 each, and prizes include a six night stay in a charming [Maui condo](#) with round trip airfare for two on Alaska Airlines, a Bend Getaway, Hotel Monaco Romance Package, or a Kindle Fire HD Package.

[Purchase your tickets here.](#)

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.

Photo at far right: 2013 Grand Prize winner, Nataliya



Donate Life Northwest in the News!



Our volunteers at Donate Life Northwest have been very busy during Donate Life Month. From donor drives, to speaking to students, training for the Transplant Games, and making the beautiful quilts, our volunteers are working hard to spread our mission through their communities. Now people get to see what a difference it makes through the news coverage our volunteers have received from all across the state. Karen Werstein and others at Donate Life Northwest have been working hard to make sure our volunteer's stories and hard work get recognized.

Karen says it best, "It's so exciting to have the media motivated to share these stories. I think the general public is starting to realize how important the need is and that there is something they can do to help--register and tell your family! I am so grateful for the openness and honesty of the donor families and recipients who share so willingly with the media. It's these kinds of stories that educate and motivate the public."

Below are some of the stories featured in the last month:

Medford Mail Tribune - Paying Dad's Debt Forward

[High school senior, Shelby, talks about her senior project, her dad, and her motivation to register organ donors.](#)

East Oregonian- Waiting for a Kidney

[Tara Fox talks about her struggle with waiting, and helps educate high school student about organ, eye, and tissue donation at Pilot Rock High School.](#)

Op-Ed for East Oregonian - Become an Organ Donor

[The East Oregonian received so many responses after the Tara Fox article they wrote a short Op Ed about becoming an organ donor, featuring Mary Jane Hunt.](#)

KGW - Transplant Games Show Life After Organ Replacement

[Living kidney donor, Nicole, and kidney recipient, Jennifer, tell Art Edwards about life after transplant and going for the gold at the Transplant Games.](#)

Hillsboro Argus - Threads of Life Quilts Honor Organ Donors and Recipients; April is National Donate Life Month

[The quilt ladies talk about the process of making the quilt, as well as their stories of being connected to donation.](#)

The Skanner - A Kidney for Hasan

[Hasan Artharee talks about his quest to get the kidney he needs to save his life.](#)

Star of the Month

When it came to selecting our Star of the Month for this current issue, it was clear and simple choice for us – this year's quilt! The 2014 Quilt featured 57 squares. Thank you to all who made this year's Threads of Life quilt into the beautiful and meaningful piece of art and educational tool that it is. We are truly blessed to have you as a member of our community. [Click here](#) to read this year's quilt book and the stories of those whose life stories are stitched together to both honor and celebrate the gift of life, mobility and sight.



You are cordially invited to join us on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM to celebrate

[Abigail and Anna's Gift](#)

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