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Be the first to reserve your Lifesavers Breakfast seat or become a table captain!

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Share the Gift of Inspiration

By Anna Pappert, Development Coordinator

Join Donate Life Northwest for its biggest event of the year, the Lifesavers Breakfast, on Wednesday November 14th at the Oregon Convention Center. This important event raises funds for Donate Life Northwest's programs which register organ, eye and tissue donors and save lives.

This year's keynote speaker, Mimi McDonald, considers herself lucky. When she was born, doctors detected a heart murmur. After a few surgical repairs, she received a donor heart valve in 2000. Her luck did not end there. Her daughter Mia is a happy and healthy three-year-old thanks to the generous gift given by a donor and his family.

Share the gift of inspiration with the people in your life and invite them to hear Mimi and Mia share their story of hope and gratitude. By volunteering to be a table captain and hosting a table with 10 or more guests, you can help Donate Life Northwest raise \$150,000 toward its lifesaving programs.

There is no cost to attend, but individuals will be asked for financial contributions. Contact Anna at 503.494.5388 or pappert@ohsu.edu to host a table or reserve your seat. Hope to see you there!

NEWS OF NOTE



Mia and Mimi McDonald

Welcome new Administrative Assistant, Hannah Schultz!



As a former PR and Marketing intern, Hannah has been involved in Donate Life Northwest since early 2011. With a newly earned B.A. in Communications and a minor in Political Science from the University of Portland, she earned her degree in hopes of working for the nonprofit sector.

In the Administrative Assistant position, Hannah is excited to work alongside each department of the organization and continue to spread awareness for eye, organ, and tissue donation.

She grew up in the small Eastern Washington town of Wenatchee with her parents, older brother, and two miniature dachshunds. In her spare time Hannah enjoys reading, playing tennis, attempting yoga, and eating sushi.

Donate Life Northwest is very happy to have her back on the team. Welcome Hannah!

National Hispanic Heritage Month

By Valerie Egan, Program Coordinator



Cadena de Vida Oregon, 2011

Celebrated annually September 15 - October 15, National Hispanic Heritage Month pays tribute to Hispanic culture by collectively commemorating the independence of five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. These and other Latin American countries have widely influenced the makeup of the United States population and its people have touched every aspect of American life.

In observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Donate Life Northwest highlights the critical need for lifesaving and life enhancing transplants within this and all populations in our nation.

You can help! Find a (bilingual) toolkit for National Hispanic Heritage Month [online](#) today!



Fun in the Sun!

By Anna Pappert, Development Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest's 19th Annual Golf Tournament was fun, sunny and a big success thanks to the generosity of sponsors, volunteers and golfers. Through the golf tournament and raffle, over \$55,000 was raised to support programs that register organ, eye and tissue donors and save lives. Special thanks to Lions VisionGift, Presenting Sponsor of the 19th Annual Golf Tournament, for their continued support of Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving mission.

Congratulations also go out to the five raffle winners (who have all been notified) as well as the Executive Flight and DHX Advertising teams for winning the tournament with the lowest gross scores on their courses!



Kidney donor Kevin Kent with transplant recipients Jim Kingsbury and Bob Dexter.



Sad to have missed out on the fun? Stay tuned for more information in the coming year about Donate Life Northwest's next golf tournament – the big 20th Anniversary Edition!

Check out Donate Life's [Facebook](#) page for more photos from the event.

Donate Life Northwest
Executive Director
Mary Jane Hunt.

Star of the Month

By Hannah Schultz, Administrative Assistant

Kidney recipient Connie Mason brightens the mood of any room she walks in. With an unbeatable attitude and a giving spirit, Donate Life Northwest is thankful to have her as a volunteer.

Recently Connie helped at the 19th annual Golf Tournament. Throughout the day she drove around the course, making sure that everyone's needs were met, all the while with an injured foot! Before the event Connie and her daughter Camille helped pack dozens of goodie bags. She even stuck around after to help clean up. Connie typically comes into the office weekly to help with any projects, and she always asks for more work!

Her dependable and 'can-do' attitude are inspiring. Connie has undoubtedly earned the title of Star of the Month!

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VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Connie Mason volunteering at the Golf Tournament

Sign up to volunteer, online!

By Valerie Egan, Program Coordinator

Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce a brand new website feature for volunteers and supporters: the [Calendar](#) page!

Visit and you'll find a statewide listing of upcoming public events. Click on any event and you'll be taken to a full description, along with a map and social media options.

If something catches your fancy, you can sign yourself up to volunteer with just a click of the blue "Register Now" button. Donate Life will follow up with a confirmation email and pre-event reminders!

If you love volunteering for Donate Life Northwest, this will be a great page to Bookmark on your web browser!

Summer in the South Valley

By Sue Scott, Eugene Community Outreach Specialist

It has been a great summer in the Valley! Community Ambassador Nelda Copey organized an information and donor registration table for the Eugene-Springfield Pride Festival, held at Alton Baker Park on August 11th. She and fellow volunteers Ray and Kathy Westmoreland received 21 paper registrations. This popular yearly event attracted nearly 1,400 attendees.

Three new volunteers were trained in August. Please welcome Kurt Robinson, double lung recipient; his wife Lisa Robinson, who has supported him through it all; and Delia Oh, a University of Oregon senior!

The Robinsons organized a celebration during National Donate Life Month, sharing Donate Life brochures and information with friends and family. Delia found us thanks to our partnership with the University of Oregon's Service Learning Program. A donation advocate, Delia is preparing for a career in health education.

Donate Life Northwest is grateful for their support and looks forward to a great back to school!