

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to present Donate Life Northwest's 2018 *Threads of Life Quilt*, comprised of individually-designed squares created by people touched by organ, eye and tissue donation. Each square represents a personal story of love, hope, compassion and courage, and serves as a reminder each and every day of the precious gifts of life, sight, and mobility given by donors throughout the region.

This year, we celebrate a milestone with the 20th Threads of Life Quilt. Over the past 20 years, hundreds of individuals have contributed touching and heartfelt tributes to family members and friends who have made the gifts of life, sight and health possible through their generous donations. For donor families, their Threads of Life quilt squares not only recognize the loss of their loved ones but provide an avenue for healing and inspiration for others. For transplant recipients, quilt squares allow them to express their gratitude to the donors who gave them a new lease on life. We are truly honored and humbled to be the stewards of your stories through these beautiful quilts.

We hope that you will take the time to learn about each individual represented in this year's quilt, and be inspired by their stories included in this book. Organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation transforms lives every day. We would like to express our deep appreciation for those who have made the commitment to register as organ, eye and tissue donors. By raising awareness and inspiring others, we bring hope to so many individuals and families whose lives can be transformed by transplantation.

Leslie Brock

Executive Director
Donate Life Northwest
March 2018

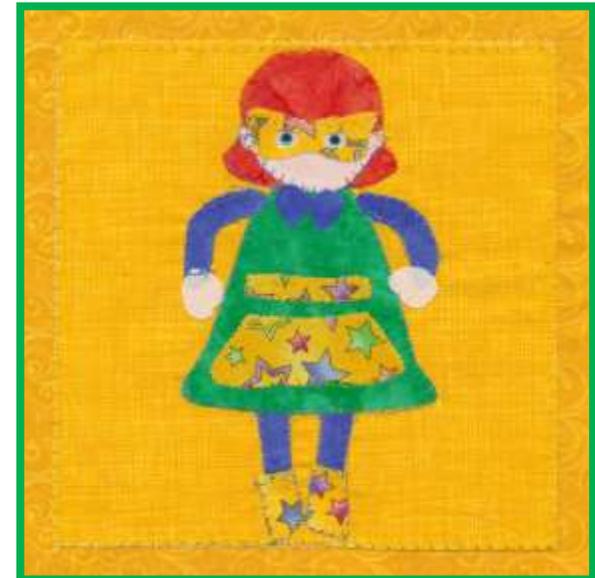
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CELEBRATING
ALL 336 TRANSPLANTS IN 2017 IN OREGON!
TO THE DONOR HEROES
AND THE GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS
BY TWO-TIME KIDNEY RECIPIENT
AIMEÉ ADELMANN

This square celebrates all 336 transplants done in Oregon in 2017. It honors the donor heroes and celebrates their grateful recipients.

To my fellow recipients, you are all superstars! It can be an incredibly hard and long journey, but you've made it this far. Now keep up the good work!



*Quilt square submitted by
Aimeé Adelman.*

Quilt 20, Block H3

HONORING
DENISE ANDERSON
MEDFORD, OREGON
ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONOR



Denise's best friend said upon her passing, "It's hard to put into words the impact one person can have on your life... Your infectious laugh will always bring a smile to my face."

These thoughts and emotions come from Denise's kind and giving spirit. From an early age, Denise was eagerly helping her church youth group fundraisers, helping seniors, and assisting at school events where her leadership and organizational skills were needed. In her college years, Denise spent any extra time preparing taxes with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance as an officer with Women in Business and as an officer with Beta Alpha Psi. Later, she gave back by participating in ALS fundraisers and

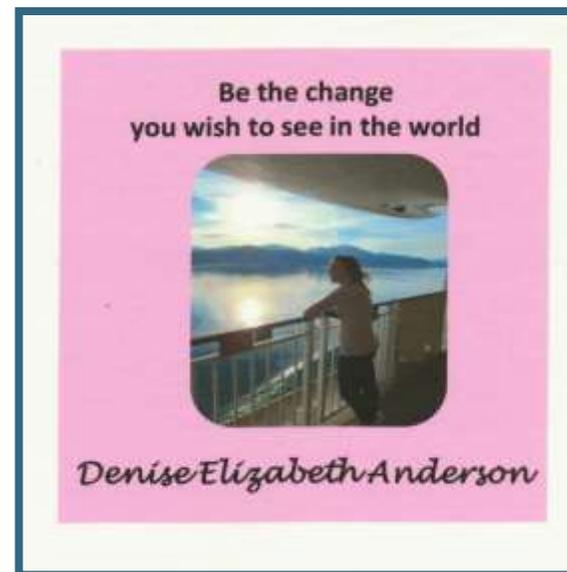
awareness events, reading literacy programs in elementary schools (education was important to Denise), and being a part of regional Special Olympics competitions.

Denise's passion to give and help others extended to her friends and coworkers, too. She shared her love of cooking and baking with them and would host cooking lessons at home for her friends who wanted to learn.

Words cannot describe the impact Denise has had on our lives and the lives of so many. Her touch on our world is far-reaching. While it is beyond human understanding why Denise is no longer with us here, we know that she and all she exemplified lives on forever through everyone she touched. Denise has made our world a better place.

*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Denise's parents,
Alan and Kelly Anderson.*

Quilt 20, Square B5



HONORING
YOLANDA ARAMBULA
MOLALLA, OREGON
ORGAN DONOR
AUGUST 10, 1954—MARCH 30, 2016

My grandmother was a very kind, honest person. She loved everyone and was always meeting amazing people. For this reason, she decided to become an organ donor to give back to others. She taught our family that everyone should save a life.

Quilt square with roses designed and submitted by Itzel Morales, granddaughter. Quilt square with hummingbird designed and submitted by Yahtzirya Morales.

Quilt 20, Blocks C4 and G5



HONORING
RYAN ASBURY
BEAVERTON, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
NOVEMBER 24, 2016

My 20-year-old son, Ryan, was severely injured in a crosswalk, when someone chose to go through a red light. He died of his injuries on November 24, 2016. It was Ryan's wish, when he got his driver's permit, to become an organ donor. His corneas were donated.

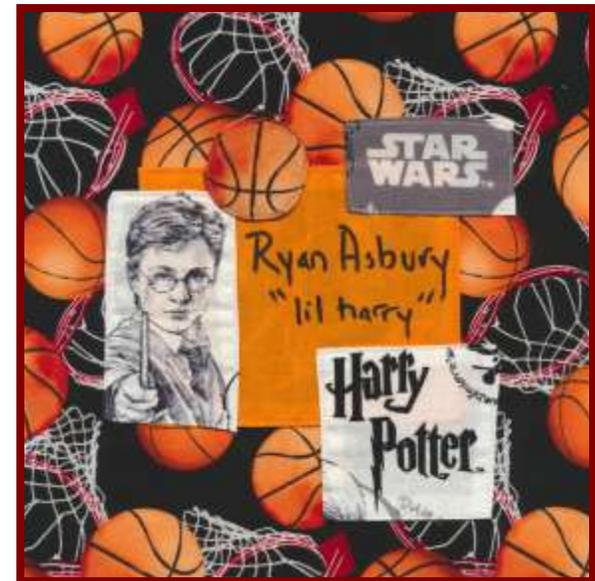
Ryan loved the Harry Potter books and movies when he was growing up. He received the "Lil Harry" nickname due to his resemblance and the glasses he wore as a kid. He had just recently watched all the Star Wars movies.

Ryan also enjoyed sports. Basketball was his favorite to play and watch. He also spent a lot of time hanging out with family and friends. There is still a big hole in all of our hearts that will never truly be filled.

Ryan, you will be forever missed.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Ivy Asbury, mother.
Sewing by seamstress, Annie Bergan.*

Quilt 20, Block D5

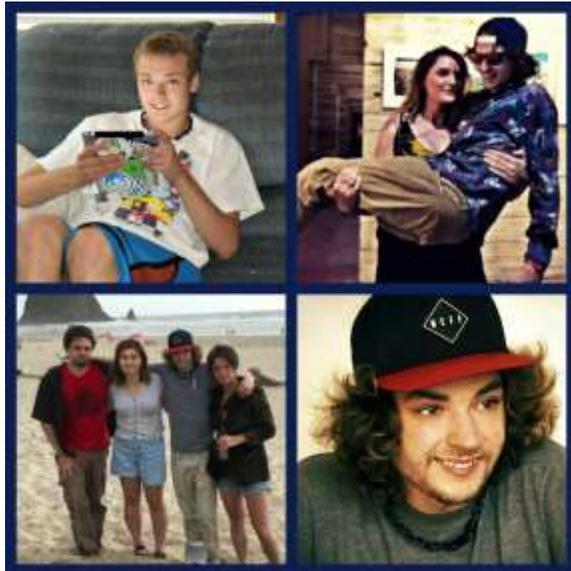


HONORING
CORY BARR
DUNDEE, OREGON
KIDNEY DONOR
APRIL 6, 1994—NOVEMBER 4, 2017

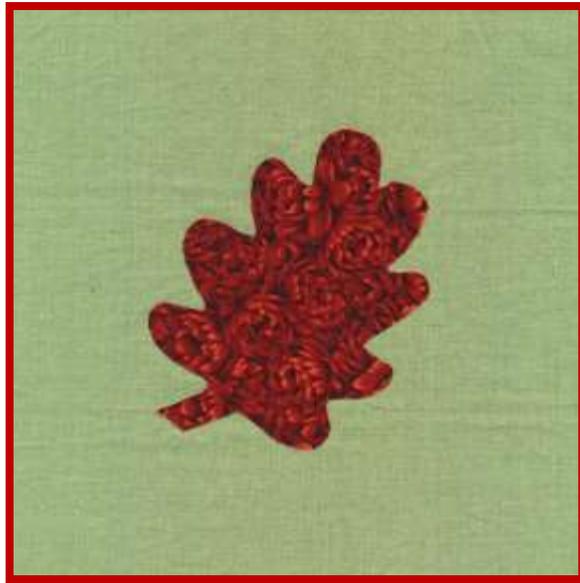
Cory died too young, at age 23. He was loved by so many, and his hospital room always had visitors, day and night, during the three days he was there. Cory will be very missed by all. He loved to skateboard and loved his friends. Reading and writing were his passions. And he was a beloved son and brother.

Quilt square created and submitted by Liz Barr, mother.

Quilt 20, Block H5



HONORING
MATTHEW BARTLING
SPRINGFIELD, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
NOVEMBER 25, 1997—JANUARY 7, 2012



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Elizabeth Bartling, mother.*

Quilt 20, Block C7



HONORING
ROBERT ALLEN "BOB" BROOKS
HAPPY VALLEY, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
DECEMBER 11, 1951—JULY 12, 2017

Bob Brooks was born in Portland, Oregon on December 11, 1951 and was raised in Happy Valley, attending private school from elementary through high school. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Lewis & Clark College.

Bob married his wife, Sharon, in Portland, and then returned to Happy Valley to live and raise his family, also serving on the Happy Valley City Council. Bob and Sharon had two daughters, Michelle and Mindy.

In the early 1980s, he started his own business selling health, life, and disability insurance as an independent agent. Bob enjoyed meeting people, serving clients, and navigating the complexities of healthcare so much that he had yet to retire.

Bob loved people. He had a knack for storytelling and sharing jokes. He was very passionate about and generous with helping others, whether through his business, his church, or his community involvement. He saw the potential in every person or situation he encountered, viewing every challenge as an adventure.

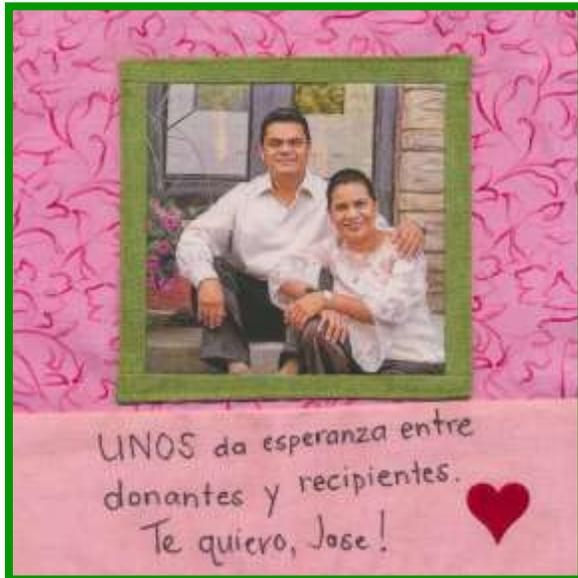
Bob was diagnosed with renal carcinoma in October 2016. As he had done throughout his life, Bob maintained his humor, optimism, and courage for the duration of his battle with cancer. He died surrounded by family on July 12, 2017, at the age of 65, from cancer-related complications.

Quilt Square designed and submitted by Sharon Brooks, wife.

Quilt 20, Block E8



CELEBRANDO | CELEBRATING
JOSE CALDERON Y UNOS
DAYTON, OREGON
RECIPIENTE DE CORAZÓN | HEART RECIPIENT
10 DE FEBRERO 2009 | FEBRUARY 10, 2009



*El cuadrado creado y presentado por
Alejandra Cortes, hermana de
Jose Calderon.*

Colcha 20, Cuadrado G7

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Alejandra Cortes, sister of Jose Calderon.*

Quilt 20, Block G7

Gracias al gran trabajo que esta organización, UNOS, United Network for Organ Sharing, lleva a cabo cada día muchos tienen esperanza de vida. Ellos son quienes hacen posible la compatibilidad entre donantes y receptores como mi hermano, José, quien tiene un trasplante de corazón. Para los últimos ocho años he organizado, con la ayuda de mi comunidad, un festival que se llama Cadena de Vida para celebrar y promover la donación de órganos, ojos, y tejidos y de sangre en la comunidad hispano hablante. Por este trabajo, ganamos el premio de UNOS que se llama National Donor Memorial Award for Excellence. La foto en el cuadro es de mi hermano José y yo cuando fuimos a recibir el premio de la sede de UNOS en el otoño 2017.

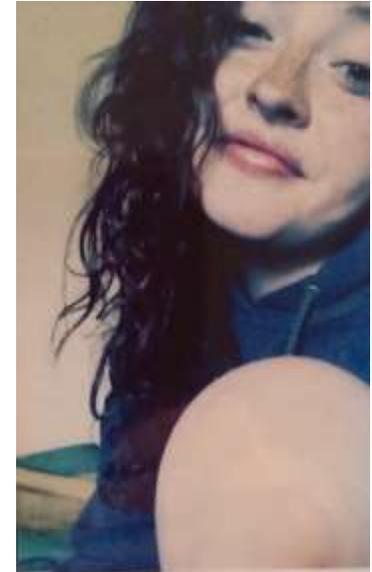
Thanks to the great work that the organization, UNOS, United Network for Organ Sharing, performs every year, many people have hope to live. UNOS makes possible the matching of donors and recipients like my brother, Jose, who received a heart transplant. For the last eight years, I have organized, with the help of my community, a festival called Cadena de Vida (Chain of Life) to celebrate and promote the donation of organ, eyes, and tissue as well as blood within the Spanish-speaking community. For this work, we won the UNOS National Donor Memorial Award for Excellence. The photo in the quilt square is of my brother Jose and me when we went to UNOS headquarters to receive the award in the fall of 2017.

HONORING
ARYEN CHAMBERS
GRANTS PASS, OREGON
ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR
OCTOBER 25, 1999—AUGUST 17, 2015

Aryen Catherine Lynnlee Chambers was a vibrant young woman who was dreaming of becoming a veterinarian. Aryen loved all animals. She had a heart of gold and loved life, living it to the fullest. She spent time longboarding, snowmobiling, and building her car with her Dad. She was, and is, loved by so many people. Her life was filled with spending time with her family and friends. She loved her dog. She loved hanging out with her nephews. She was such a great person, in so many ways. Aryen was taken too soon, but being a donor, she lives on and will never be forgotten for the amazingly beautiful person she is.

*Quilt square designed by Sharon Tubbs; submitted by
Terri Puckett, mother.*

Quilt 20, Block F3



CELEBRATING
ERNESTINE COLLINS'
ANONYMOUS KIDNEY DONOR
PORTLAND, OREGON
MAY 26, 2009

My donor and their family are anonymous. Regardless, I wish to honor them. I and my family are eternally grateful for their blessing. Such a gift for one to give! I wish God's blessings on my kidney donor's family.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Ernestine Collins.*

Quilt 20, Block F7



HONORING
NOELLE CREIGHTON-MANIS
EUGENE, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
JUNE 11, 2016

Noelle saved four lives, gave two people sight and healed many others with her tissue donations. Friends and family are frequently visited by hummingbirds when we think of Noelle, so she is our angel hummingbird.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Karen Creighton, mother.*

Quilt 20, Block C3



CELEBRATING
CYSTIC FIBROSIS FIGHTERS
PORTLAND, OREGON

Sixty-five roses is a term that some doctors use to describe cystic fibrosis to younger patients, and it has quickly become a symbol of life and hope for those battling with this illness.

This quilt square was made in recognition of all of the people, like my brother, who are living with and battling this disease every day. Many times, lung transplants are the only option for these patients. They are warriors, and this square is a reminder of their fight and that they will always be surrounded with love and support.

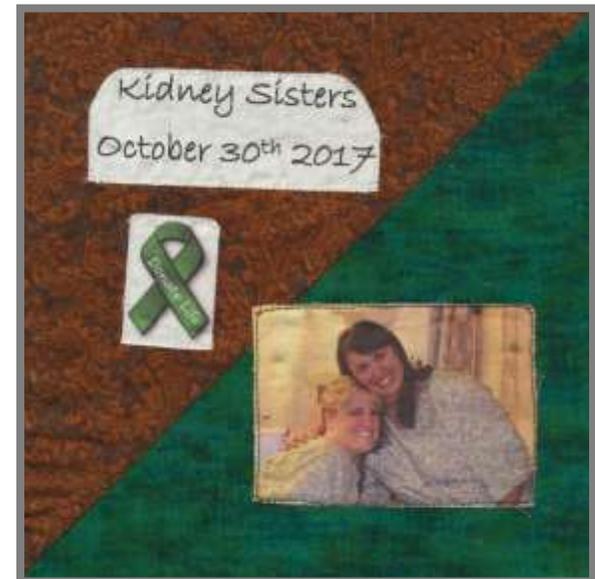
Quilt square designed and submitted by Caitlin Feely, DLNW Staffer and sister of a young man (Brendan, pictured right) with Cystic Fibrosis.

Quilt 20, Block E6



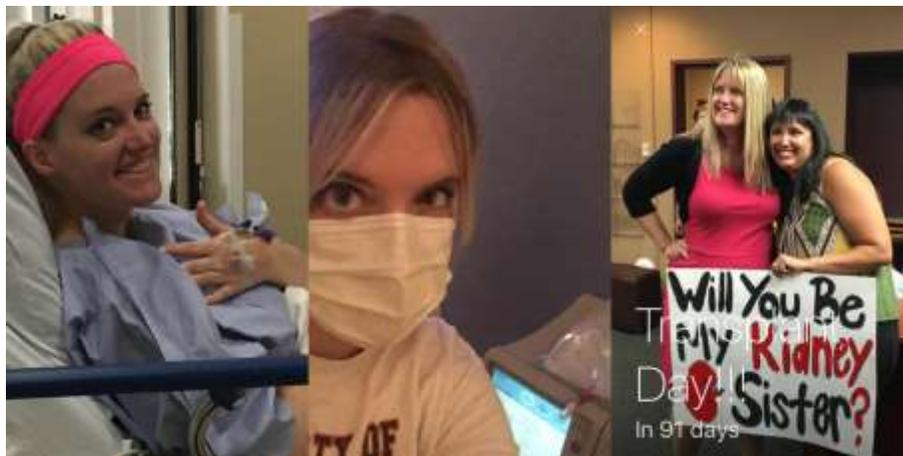
CELEBRATING
CAROLYN DAVIDSON
LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TO
SARAH HOLTZ
LIVING KIDNEY RECIPIENT
SHERWOOD, OREGON
OCTOBER 30, 2017

My (Sarah's) Mom, Nancy, made this quilt square out of pieces that she had used to make a gift quilt for my donor, Carolyn Davidson, during our transplant hospital stay. Carolyn was my altruistic donor and revealed the news to me at a surprise staff meeting at the high school I have worked at for over 11 years. I had been on peritoneal dialysis for 12+ hours a day while teaching full time until Carolyn's selfless act of donating her kidney. She is also a teacher in a neighboring school district.



Quilt square designed by Nancy Holtz and submitted by Sarah Holtz.

Quilt 20, Block H1

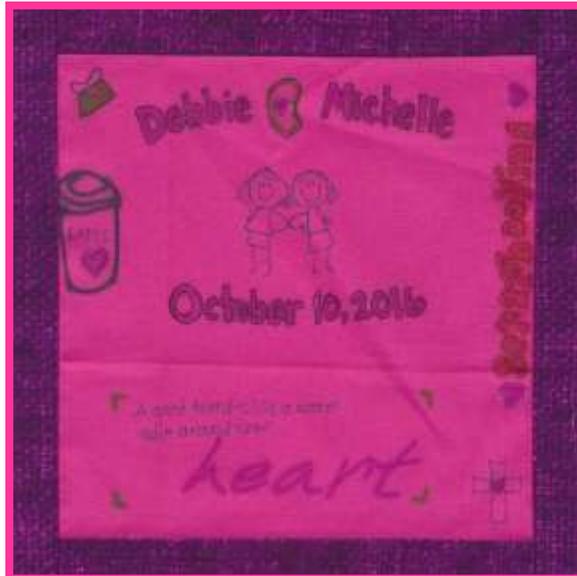


CELEBRATING
DEBBIE DEGNER
LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TO
MICHELLE VANDERZANDEN
LIVING KIDNEY RECIPIENT
NORTH PLAINS, OREGON
OCTOBER 10, 2016

Debbie and I (Michelle) met several years ago in a bunco group. We became friends and shared a love for scrap-booking. We go away each year, for a week, with seven other friends, to scrapbook at the beach. We always look forward to this trip and have become even better friends. She has known about all of my struggles with kidney disease and finding a donor. She unselfishly offered to be tested and was a perfect match!

Quilt square was designed and submitted by Michelle Vanderzanden.

Quilt 20, Block F4



CELEBRATING THE DONOR FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The mission of the Donor Family Advisory Committee is to provide a unified voice for donor families who share their experiences of donation to improve the process and increase awareness of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

Quilt square designed and submitted by DLNW Staff.

Quilt 20, Block G3



Longtime DFAC member, Leslie Coefield, volunteers at the 2017 Tabor Trot event.



HONORING
ROBERT ESPARZA
GRESHAM, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA, AND TISSUE DONOR
OCTOBER 28, 1994—SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Robert helped every person that needed a helping hand. Neighbors and family would call on him when they needed a strong back and a willing soul. Donating to someone in need was a calculated decision. He knew the right answer is to share everything you have with someone deserving. Being a donor was never a question he was confused about.

Robert played Santa Claus on Christmas mornings, keeping in character. He also enjoyed outdoor activities. The balloons on the red square represent the number of people Robert helped by giving the gifts of life, sight, and mobility. The quote was Robert's simple way of stating how easy his decision was.

Quilt square with black and white bicycles was designed and submitted by Chris and Janelle Esparza, Robert's mother and sister. Quilt square with red background was designed and submitted by Simon Esparza, Robert's father.

Quilt 20, Blocks B7 and E2



HONORING
COLIN FLEMING
BANKS, OREGON
ORGAN AND CORNEA DONOR
OCTOBER 29, 2016

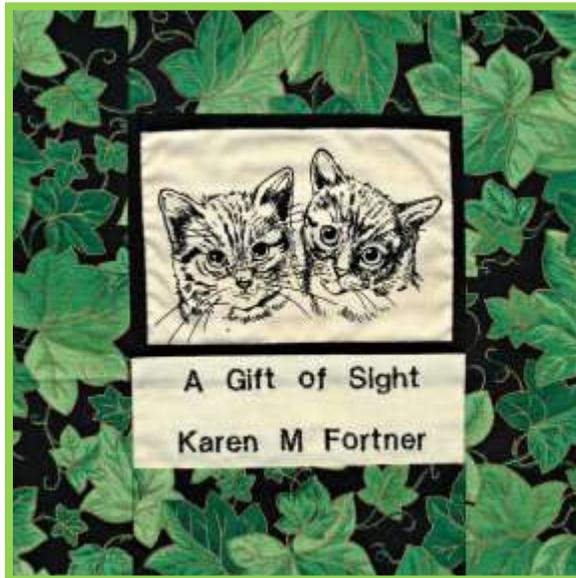
Colin loved people. He was especially very proud to be an uncle. He loved helping on the suicide hotlines. He lived at home and helped his Mom with the family business. We miss him.

*Quilt square was submitted by
Kathleen Fleming, mother.*

Quilt 20, Block C2



HONORING
KAREN M. FORTNER
SPRINGFIELD, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017



Karen touched many lives with her compassionate and loving heart. She believed in everyone and the simplest acts of kindness that would bring pleasure to all.

Karen worked for Franz Bakery as a manager for 38 years, in their outlet store. She touched many of her friends and customers' hearts by her caring and her unconditional friendship to all. She became, to many, a grandmother, mother, sister, aunt, or a true friend who could be relied upon whenever the need arose and was always there to give a listening ear. She never passed judgment, and always gave a helping hand, feeling that no task was too trivial or small.

Karen had a true love for all animals, especially her two cats, which were just like her children.

Karen was all about family and close ties. She loved get-togethers, and not just on the holidays.

Karen loved life and lived it to the fullest.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Susan Hogan, sister.

Quilt 20, Block A2



HONORING
BOBBY L. FUNDERBURK
OAK GROVE, OREGON
ORGAN DONOR
JULY 2, 2016

Robert was an amazing young man who loved learning and helping others!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Melissa Rambow, mother, and Tyler Ellis, brother.

Quilt 20, Block D8



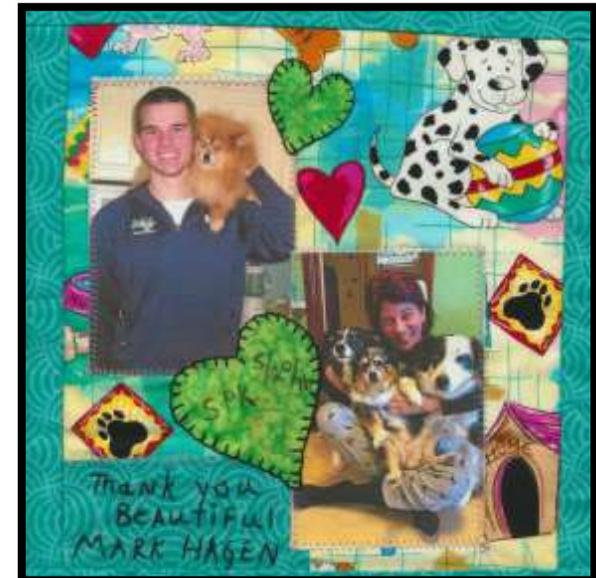
HONORING
MARK RICHARD HAGEN
BOISE, IDAHO
KIDNEY/PANCREAS DONOR TO
ANGELA BATES
GLADSTONE, OREGON
MAY 20, 2016

My beautiful donor, Mark Hagen, was just 24 years old. He had recently graduated from Idaho State with a Masters in Accounting. He loved the outdoors and animals, but mostly he loved his family.

He is my hero!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Angela Bates,
kidney/pancreas recipient.*

Quilt 20, Block E4



HONORING
GEORGE ALEXANDER HANCOCK
TUALATIN, OREGON
CORNEA & TISSUE DONOR
JULY 27, 2017

Alexander could best be described as a big-hearted, funny, independent, smart guy who loved to game, ski, and hang out with his friends. He had just graduated from college when he suffered a traumatic brain injury leading to him donating his corneas and tissues.

Alexander was a protective and loving big brother who always looked out for his little sister. We will always miss his hugs, conversational knowledge of almost any current event, and his ability to make us all laugh. His life was cut short at the age of 22 and he will always be missed, but his memory will live with us forever.

*Quilt square designed and submitted Keith Hancock, father;
Christina Hancock, mother; and Catherine Hancock, sister.*

Quilt 20, Block A4

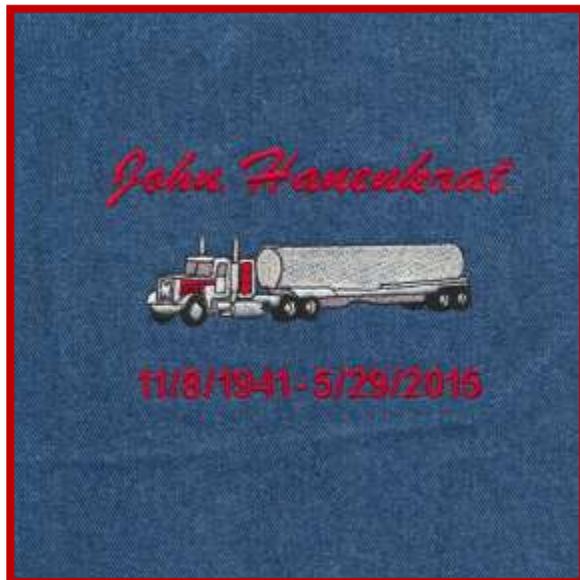


HONORING
JOHN HANENKRAT
TILLAMOOK, OREGON
TISSUE & CORNEA DONOR
NOVEMBER 8, 1941—MAY 29, 2015

John Hanenkrat was born and raised in Tillamook, Oregon. He was a smart, generous, caring person who was always helping someone. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix.

In his retirement years, John loved to spend time with his four grandchildren: Jordan, Josi, Bronx, and Patricia. He loved to drive them around or explain to them how to fix things!

Because of him being a donor, he has inspired his two children and grandkids to become donors also. He is missed very much — every day!



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Judy Hanenkrat, daughter, and
Bronx Hanenkrat, grandson.*

Quilt 20, Block D2

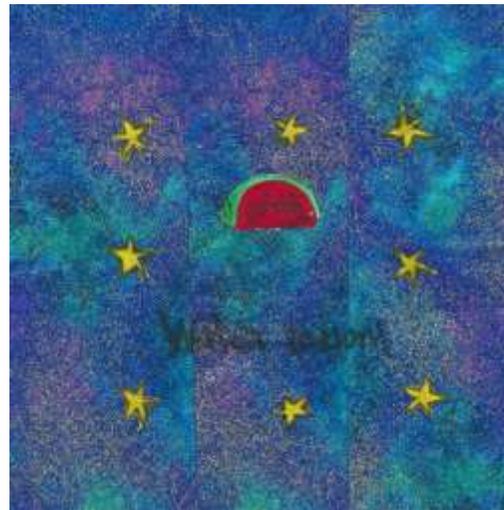
CELEBRATING
NICOLE HINE
FLORENCE, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
OCTOBER 14, 2013

On October 14, 2013, Nicole Hine received a kidney from an anonymous deceased donor at OHSU's Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Nicole says, "When I received my kidney, I was very thankful to have it. Because without it, I'd probably not be here today. So a **big thank you** to the donor who gave it to me!"



Quilt square designed and submitted by Nicole Hine, to honor her anonymous kidney donor.

Quilt 20, Block H2



Quilt square designed and submitted by Tiffany Hine, sister of Nicole.

"I dedicate this abstract quilt square in commemoration of my sister's quirky traits."

Quilt 20, Block B6



Quilt square designed and submitted by Dani Hine, sister of Nicole.

"My sister inspired me and influenced my art a lot. She and a few others inspired the original characters presented in this patch."

Quilt 20, Block G8

CELEBRATING
STEPHANIE HOLLADAY
PORTLAND, OREGON
LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TO
SCOTT WARREN
LIVING KIDNEY RECIPIENT
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
MAY 9, 2016

Scott Warren and Stephanie Holladay were strangers to each other when they got the news that Stephanie could donate a kidney to Scott. They are now friends for life!

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Stephanie Holladay.*

Quilt 20, Block A5

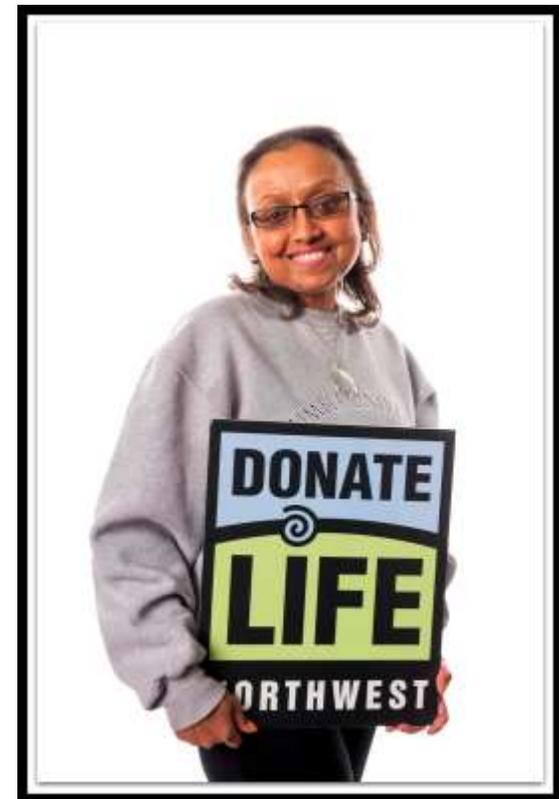


CELEBRATING
MAQSUDA KABIR
PORTLAND, OREGON
DOUBLE LUNG RECIPIENT
DECEMBER 19, 2016

Maqstuda received a double lung transplant on December 19, 2016. She says, "I'm honoring and forever grateful to my unknown donor and their family for my new lungs!! Happy one year lung anniversary!!"

Quilt square designed and submitted by Maqsuda Kabir.

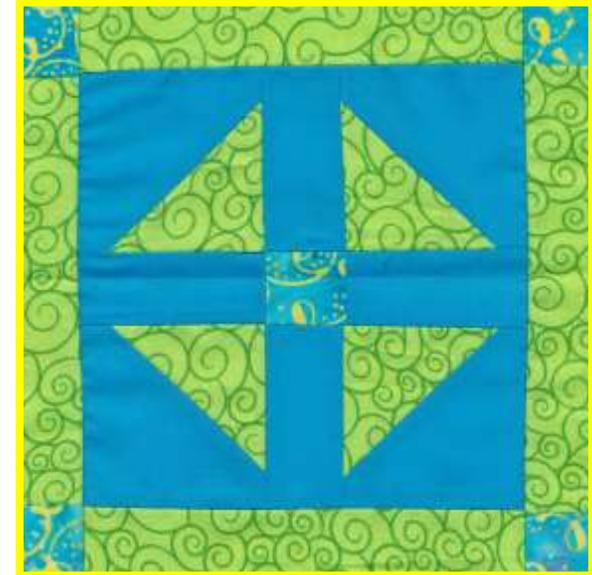
Quilt 20, Block D3



CELEBRATING
KATHY LANGSTON
EUGENE, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
MARCH 19, 2003

Kathy received a lifesaving kidney donation at OHSU on March 19, 2003. In the years since, she has become a dedicated and valued volunteer and member of the Donate Life community. She made this square “in honor of all transplant donors everywhere” as she celebrates 15 years since someone gave her the gift of life.

“I have lived my life to the fullest these past 15 years, and I am forever grateful to my donor.” - Kathy L.



*Quilt square designed and submitted
by Kathy Langston.*

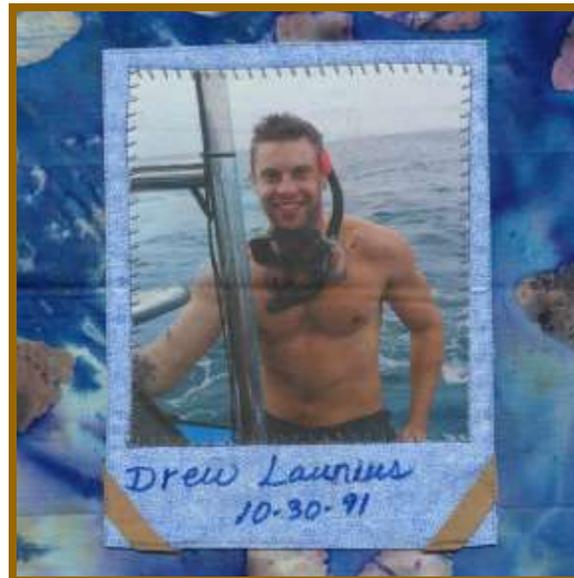
Quilt 20, Block B8

HONORING
DREW C. LAUNIUS
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
ORGAN DONOR
OCTOBER 30, 1991—MAY 16, 2017

Drew had an incredibly adventurous spirit and was extremely charismatic. He would warm your soul with his radiant smile. Drew was open-hearted and accepting of all. He encouraged all to share in his lust for life. He was committed, dedicated, and determined to strive for personal improvement. He was adroit at the greatest skill of all — the skill of living.

*Square designed and submitted by mother, Constance Faulkner,
with assistance from Drew's grandmother.*

Quilt 20, Block A8



HONORING
NICK LYGHEIM
GRESHAM, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
NOVEMBER 14, 1998—SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

Nicholas Lyngheim graduated from high school in Spring 2017. He was 6'1" and 280 pounds, and was recruited as a football lineman to Western Oregon University.

Nick was the middle child and the only son in the family.

Nick was an athlete; enjoying football, track, and wrestling. He made some lifelong friends that he was very loyal to.

Nick believed in standing up for what he believes in and thought others should do the same.

Nick was fun and funny. He played jokes on his friends, family, and even his teachers and coaches.

Nick scored in the top 15% in the nation for the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college admissions. He was humble about this.

Nick Lyngheim was a strong, smart, caring young man. He lived a wonderful life and is fondly remembered by many. He was so amazing God made him an angel.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Mary Boland, mother.

Quilt 20, Block C5



HONORING
ARLIE MARTIN
DAMASCUS, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JUNE 6, 2008

Arlie loved his man-tools. He spent hours with his chainsaw, generator, welder, propane torch, air compressor, and air tools. He loved them all, but his tractor was his favorite. He used it to excavate, spread gravel, move huge boulders, and even to build a dirt-bike track in the back field. But the tractor's real purpose was childcare. Arlie would put his nieces and nephews in the bucket and give them rides. He strapped crying babies to his chest and mowed the field until they fell asleep. He even made a two-seater sled for the kids and pulled them behind the tractor (pictured right). It worked on snow as well as grass.

Arlie died of cancer at age 31. He left behind a niece, Carmen (3), nephews Logan (3) and Ike (2), a daughter Samantha (2), and a son Bruce (6 months). He acted as a father to Logan while Logan's dad served in Iraq. He treated all of his nieces and nephews as if they were his own children. He loved being a dad and an uncle and was really good at it. The kids, who are now teenagers, have very fond memories of him and his tractor, and the sled has an honored place in our garage.

As his death approached, Arlie said that his only regret was that he didn't have children sooner. We share that regret. He left us far too soon, and we miss him terribly.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Priscilla Martin, mother.

Quilt 20, Block H6

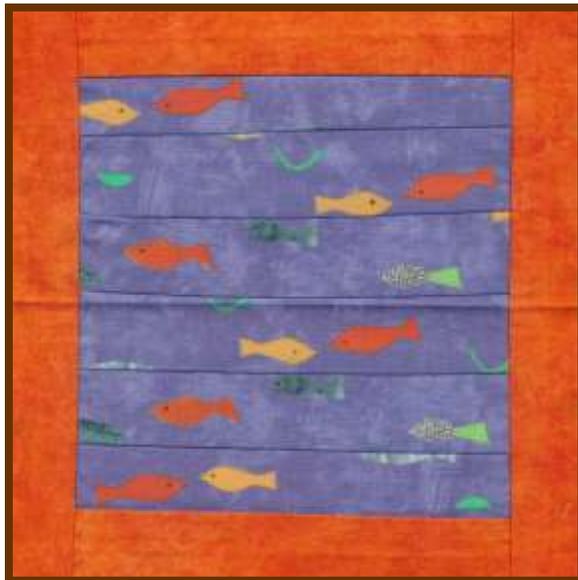


HONORING
CHRISTOPHER B. MINEAR
PORTLAND, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
JULY 2, 1952-NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Christopher Brian Minear was a beloved brother, friend, father, grandfather, and fisherman. Chris had a brilliant mind that could solve any puzzle. He had the most miraculous fingers that could fix anything, and he had the kindest heart that knew only how to give. The times that gave him the most joy were those spent on the water, fishing in peace and solitude.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Michele Williams.

Quilt 20, Block F2



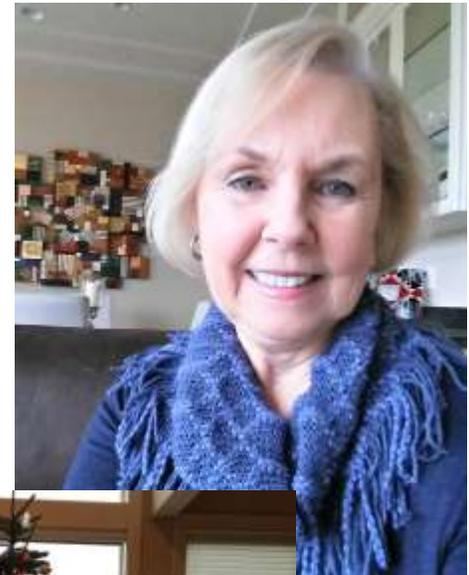
CELEBRATING
LYNDA MYERS
OREGON CITY, OREGON
CORNEA RECIPIENT
MARCH 8, 2007 AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

Lynnda Myers received two cornea transplants in 2007. She had always been active, but at 42, she began to experience the effects of Fuchs Dystrophy, a genetic disease of the cornea.

Today, Lynda is a wonderfully busy wife, mother, and grandmother. She retired from the workforce and has dedicated her time and energy to such causes as the Donate Life Northwest board of directors.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Lynda Myers and
DLNW volunteers, in honor of Lynda's two cornea donors.*

Quilt 20, Block B4



HONORING
CURTIS M. PETERSON
PORTLAND, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MARCH 26, 2014

Curtis lived a full life during his 24 years here on earth. He loved to hunt and fish. He was working on becoming a Journeyman carpenter. He laughed often, throwing his head back and laughing out loud. He is missed. He was awesome.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Vicki Peterson, mother.

Quilt 20, Block D7



HONORANDO | HONORING
MIGUEL ANGEL RAMIREZ
MCMINNVILLE, OREGON
DONANTE DE ORGANOS | ORGAN DONOR
28 DE AGOSTO 2016 | AUGUST 28, 2016

En memoria de mi hijo, Miguel Angel Ramirez. Este cuadro tiene una foto de Miguel Angel Ramirez. Migue fue un donante y en su honor hice esta. Miguel era el mejor hijo y un buen estudiante. Siempre era amable con las personas y siempre ayudara a los demás. Siempre estaba feliz. En todas las palabras, siempre el mejor y único y cariñoso con todo el mundo.

In memory of my son, Miguel Angel Ramirez. This square has a photo of Miguel Angel Ramirez. Miguel was a donor and I made this in his honor. Miguel was the best son and a good student. Always he was kind with people and helped others. He was always happy. In all words, he was always special, the best, and caring with the whole world.



Cuadrado creado y presentado por Teresa Zurita, madre.

Colcha 20, Cuadrado H7

Quilt square designed and submitted by Teresa Zurita, mother.

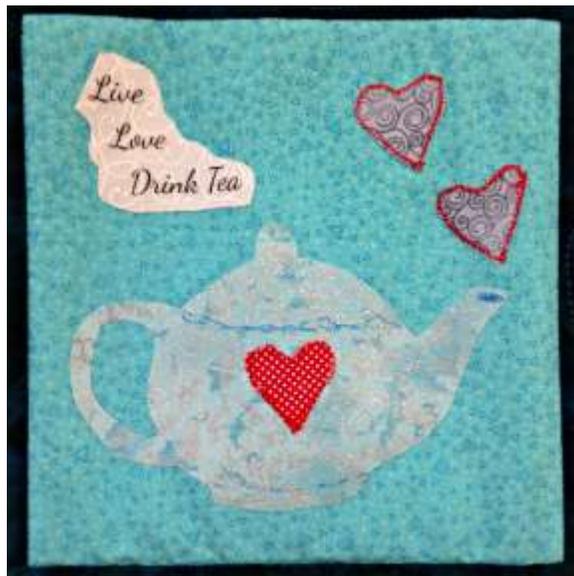
Quilt 20, Block H7

HONORING
MARY CATHERINE REID
CENTRAL POINT, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

Mary became a donor on September 15, 2013. She would have been happy with her gift of eyes, skin, and tissue. She loved drinking hot black Lipton tea. This year's quilt square celebrates her love for tea. She is missed daily by her husband, Bob, and daughter, Kelly.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Kelly Reid, daughter.

Quilt 20, Block B2



HONORING
GARRETT M. ROBINS
BATTLE GROUND, WASHINGTON
ORGAN, CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
AUGUST 30, 2016

Garrett had a voice that roared like a lion, yet he was a marshmallow inside. Best friend to many, but no more so than to his sister, Victoria. He loved his nephew, Ayden, and was just getting to know his baby niece, “Fabs.”

Growing up outdoors was a huge part of Garrett’s life. He loved camping and fishing. His dad taught him to fish, and his first fish, at the age of three, he caught with his bare hands.

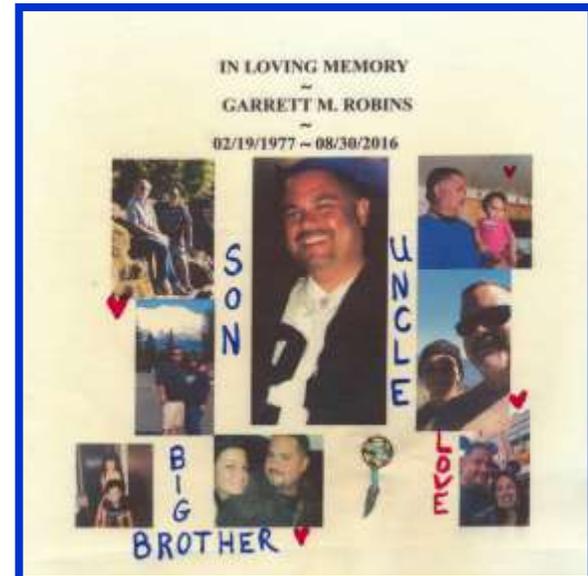
Garrett enjoyed being with and taking adventures with Angela (his love) and Maile, their dog. Music, gardening, detailing vehicles, car shows, photography, scuba diving, and cooking were his favorite pastimes. His motto, “Good times!” is what he lived by.

He was a hero in many ways. Once, he saved a hit-and-run victim’s life when no one else would help. Garrett had a BIG heart, and it continues to beat in another man, a father of seven. His liver is helping a father of two. And his skin and tissues will help others. This makes every day a little easier for me, his mom, to take another step forward without his physical presence. He was my firstborn son, and he will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Garrett will forever be missed by family, friends, and pets, but he will never, ever be forgotten.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Ramona Robins, mother.

Quilt 20, Block E7



HONORING
ABIGAIL "ABBY" ROBINSON
FOREST GROVE, OREGON
ORGAN, CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
OCTOBER 20, 2013

On October 20, 2013, eleven-year-old Abigail and her 6-year-old sister, Anna, went to Heaven. Abigail was a vivacious 6th grader, full of life and joy. She enjoyed her friends and playing trombone in the band. Anna was in 1st grade, just learning to read, and loved her big sister. Abby and Anna loved to dance, listen to music, spend time with their family, and have fun with their friends.

Abby and Anna have both left a tremendous legacy. Abby was able to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor. Anna, though unable to be a donor, lived such a love-drenched life that her family has been inspired to honor and celebrate both she and her sister through the Love Rocks project. Their parents are also very active and dedicated volunteers for Donate Life Northwest.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Susan Dieter-Robinson,
Anna's mom/Abby's stepmom.*

Quilt 20, Block D1



HONORANDO | HONORING
JOSE LUIS SANCHEZ
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON
DONANTE DE ÓRGANOS | ORGAN DONOR
6 DE NOVIEMBRE 2015 | NOVEMBER 6, 2015

Jose Luis era el mejor hijo, el mejor hermano, y un niño muy alegre y único.

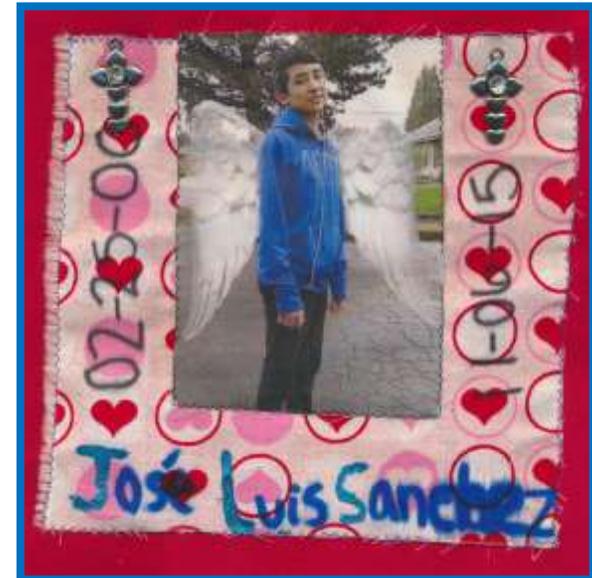
Jose Luis was the best son, the best brother, and the most happy, special boy.

Cuadrado creado y presentado por su madre, Adriana Cordova, y sus hermanas.

Colcha 20, Cuadrado H4

Quilt square created and submitted by Adriana Cordova, Jose Luis's mother, and Jose Luis's sisters.

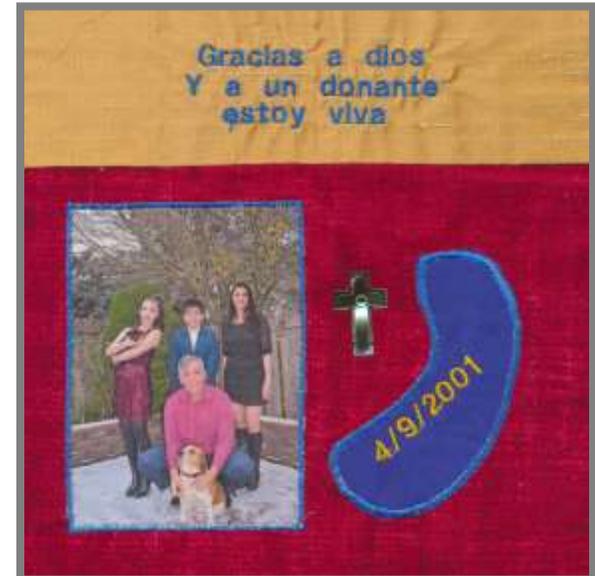
Quilt 20, Block H4



CELEBRANDO | CELEBRATING
LUISA SERRANO
PORTLAND, OREGON
RECIPIENTE DE RIÑÓN | KIDNEY RECIPIENT
9 DE ABRIL 2001 | APRIL 9, 2001

Hice un cuadro de color rojo con una foto familiar – yo, mi esposo, mi hijo, y mi hija y nuestro perro y gato. El cuadro también tiene un riñón azul y dorado con letras azules. Encima de todo, escribí el mensaje, “Gracias a Dios y a un donante, estoy viva.” Solo sé que el nombre de mi donante era Matthew y que cuando murió, decidí donar su riñón y yo lo recibí.

I made a red quilt square with a family photo – me, my husband, my son and daughter, and our dog and cat. The square also has a blue and gold kidney with blue letters. Above it all, I wrote, “Thanks to God and a donor, I am alive.” I only know that the name of my donor was Matthew and that when he died, he decided to donate his kidney and I received it.



El cuadrado creado y presentado por Luisa Serrano.

Colcha 20, Cuadrado C1

Quilt square designed and submitted by Luisa Serrano, in honor of her anonymous kidney donor.

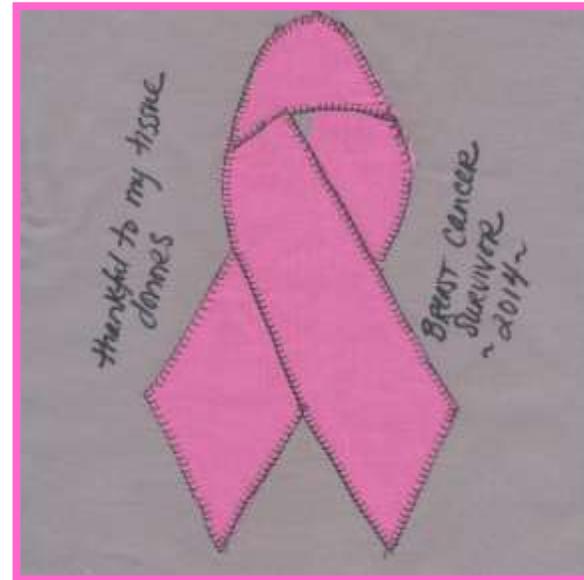
Quilt 20, Block C1

CELEBRATING
REBECCA SIMON
PORTLAND, OREGON
TISSUE RECIPIENT
2011 AND 2014

I had a double mastectomy in 2014. Thankfully, because of the selfless gifts of tissue donation, I was able to get reconstructive surgery. Forever thankful!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Rebecca Simon.

Quilt 20, Block E1



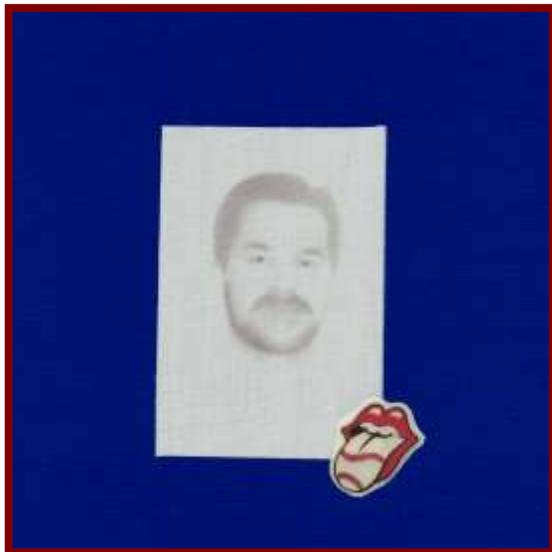
HONORING
MARK SMITH
EUGENE, OREGON
KIDNEY AND PANCREAS RECIPIENT
APRIL 6, 1961—APRIL 2, 2017

Mark had Type 1 Diabetes for thirty years, from the age of 14, until he received a kidney transplant on March 13, 2006. Mark struggled with complications from the disease for the rest of his life. He was rarely pain-free but always strived to look on the positive side and live his life to the fullest.

One of Mark's best qualities was being able to see the positive side amidst diversity. He could always recognize and support those who needed it, especially those with disabilities. He was very generous with everyone.

Mark enjoyed music and concerts. He was a huge Rolling Stones fan with an extensive collection of music and memorabilia.

He loved and lived for sports, especially baseball and was an avid card and memorabilia collector. His knowledge of baseball and basketball players was phenomenal, and he loved the math and stats of his baseball. His favorite team was the Los Angeles Dodgers and the voice of their announcer, Vin Scully. He often said he would be disappointed if God didn't sound like Vin Scully.



*Quilt square designed and submitted by
Deanna Grimes.*

Quilt 20, Block H8



CELEBRATING
NORRINE SMOKEY-SMITH
PORTLAND, OREGON
DOUBLE LUNG RECIPIENT
MARCH 15, 2016

This quilt square depicts Dah-oh-ah-gah (Lake Tahoe), the center of my tribe's ancestral homeland, adjacent to Carson Valley, Nevada, where I was raised and where I continue to spend countless summers. The beauty and serenity of the lake of my people helps me decompress from urban life in Portland, and its healing waters strengthen my body and spirit.

The basket in the quilt square is representative of the finest weavers the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is known for.

March 15, 2016 is the date I received a pristine pair of lungs from an anonymous donor at the University of Washington Medical Center.

GRATITUDE is what I feel and express thanks to the Creator for daily. I am one of the fortunate ones who have been given a second chance at life, and I am committed to helping others take advantage of the many opportunities to enrich their own lives.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Norrine Smokey-Smith.

Quilt 20, Block D6



HONORING
DAVID P. TWIST
SPRINGFIELD, OREGON
CORNEA DONOR
DECEMBER 31, 1959—JUNE 13, 2017



Dave Twist had a witty sense of humor — you never knew what was going to come out of his mouth. He had no problem telling you what he thought or where he stood on a subject. Dave, like our father, lived and died with the Angels baseball team.

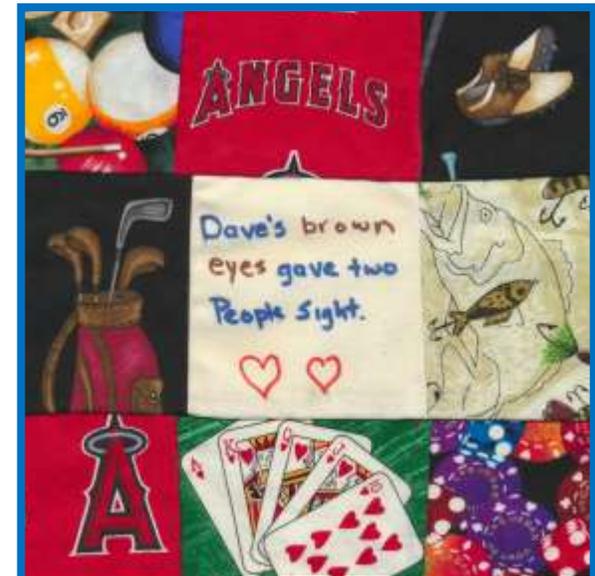
Dave played baseball most of his young life and ran cross-country track in high school. His other interests, as an adult, were golfing, playing pool with his friends, and working in his yard. He worked in his yard daily doing up-keep. It helped him to relax after working all day. His yard was always the nicest on the block. He would share his knowledge with others who asked him. Every summer, the company he worked for took everyone deep sea fishing. Dave really looked forward to that trip.

Dave was diagnosed with lung cancer. He fought it with all his strength throughout chemotherapy and radiation. He won the battle! But he suffered major side effects of the treatment. The cancer returned after eleven years had passed. Again, he tried to fight it, but this time his body was not able to work with the treatment given. After his health condition deteriorated, he enjoyed going to Las Vegas and playing different games whenever he could.

Dave passed away too soon. We, his family, are comforted by the fact that he was a donor, and they were able to use his eyes to give two other people sight.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Cathy Twist, sister.

Quilt 20, Block C6

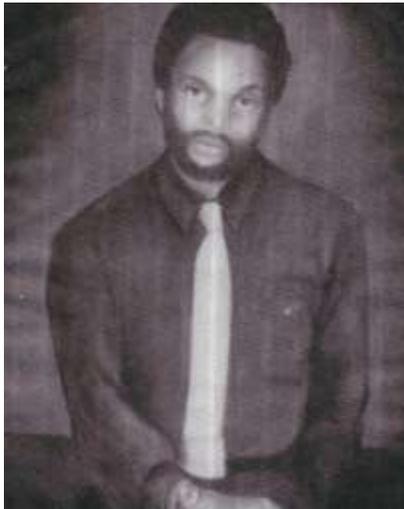


HONORING
MARTHA VANARSDALE
PORTLAND, OREGON
DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION ADVOCATE
MOTHER OF OREGON'S FIRST HEART DONOR
BOBBY OLIVE, SR.
DECEMBER 7, 1933—JANUARY 16, 2012

When doctors came to Martha VanArsdale on December 4, 1985, to tell her that her son, Bobby, had died and asked her if she would allow him to become Oregon's first heart donor, she said yes. First, she asked her Heavenly Father for guidance, but then the decision was made and the rest is history. Bobby gave the gift of life to save **Wesley Merrill** of Battleground, Washington.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Balinda Olive-Beltran,
daughter of Martha and sister of Bobby.*

Quilt 20, Block G6



Bobby Olive



**Wesley Merrill with then-President
of OHSU, Leonard Laster**



HONORING
JOHN WAYNE "JACK" WALKER
PHOENIX, OREGON
LIVER RECIPIENT
JANUARY 25, 1940—JANUARY 17, 2014

Jack Walker was an ambitious man who beat the odds and lived life to it absolute fullest. At the age of 26, he was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, and honestly, he didn't think he would live to the age of 50, but when he realized he could live with an ostomy, it was life-changing. However, then he never had to have the ostomy! He lived on pain relievers and had multiple bowel obstructions and multiple surgeries, including a liver transplant on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2008. He also endured a 6-way heart bypass surgery in 2011 and also a hip surgery. He passed away in January 2014.

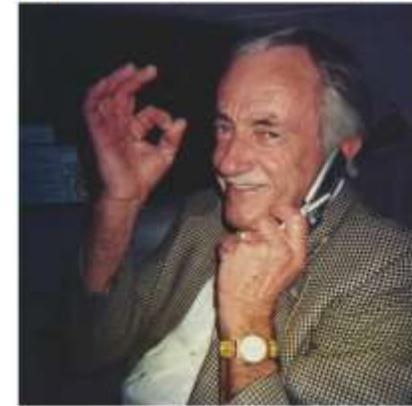
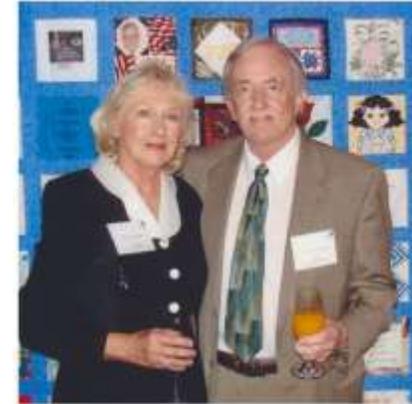
In the midst of his health battle, Jack found his calling in politics as a Jackson County commissioner. He won the primary while in the hospital and then served for 16 years. It was a position that he felt really made a difference.

I met Jack when he was 30. He gave me a good life, but I had to wear many hats to keep up with him!

Dr. Craig Chow in Ashland, Oregon was instrumental in Jack's liver transplant. All of his caretakers were wonderful and are so appreciated by his family.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Andrea Walker, wife, with much assistance from Marge and Joan at Country Quilt, Inc. in Jacksonville, Oregon. The background fabric of this quilt square is from one of Jack's favorite Jerry Garcia ties.

Quilt 20, Block C8



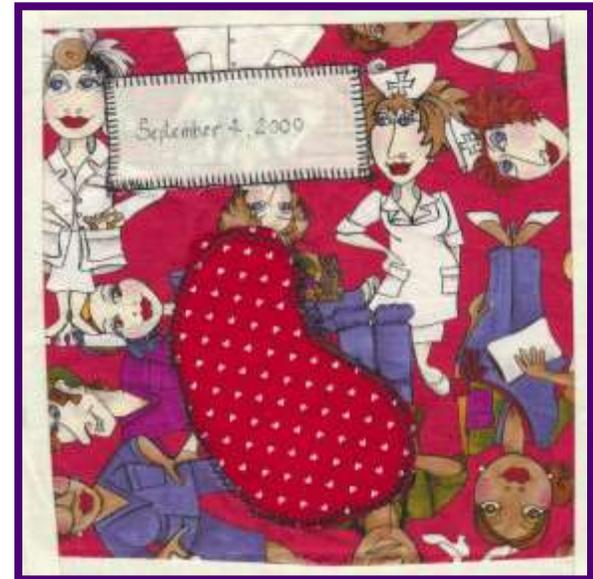
CELEBRATING
SIGNE WALLIS
PORTLAND, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT
SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

September 4, 2009 was a day that changed my life. I received a kidney from a man who put a "D" on his drivers license in Cincinnati, Ohio. I will be forever grateful.

On my quilt square, I wanted to bring attention to the wonderful doctors and nurses who took such good care of me during that time at Good Samaritan. I have never looked forward to having any surgery except for this transplant. The doctors and nurses were all very comforting and even quite comical, making me feel very comfortable. Thanks for the great team!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Signe Wallis.

Quilt 20, Block F5

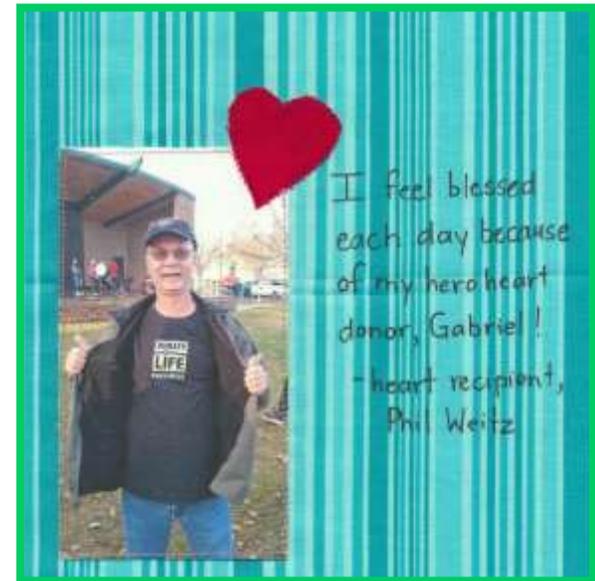


CELEBRATING
PHIL WEITZ
UMATILLA, OREGON
AND HONORING HIS HEART DONOR
GABRIEL BARRERA
DECEMBER 2, 2012

Five years ago, on December 2, 2012, at Spokane's Sacred Heart hospital, I had a heart transplant. Life is so special because of my hero-donor, Gabriel, who gave me this second chance at life. I give blessings each day on behalf of Gabriel. Because of him, it's a wonderful life!

*Quilt square created and submitted by Phil Weitz with assistance from
DLNW staff and volunteers.*

Quilt 20, Block E3



Thanks to Gabriel, Phil gets to spend more years enjoying his kids and grandkids!



Phil is a devoted DLNW volunteer, raising donation awareness everywhere he goes!

HONORING
DAVID WELTER
RAINIER, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
MARCH 15, 1933—JULY 18, 2011

When we were growing up, our Dad would take us camping every summer. It all started out in our back yard with an old army surplus tent, which fell in on us the first night we slept in it. Then, he got us a new tent that kept us safe, dry, and cozy for more than 30 years.

Rain or shine, Dad was a real trooper, camping with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. He taught us all about the great outdoors. We camped from Oregon beaches to the mountain highs and down to the desert flats. Good memories were made by all who went.

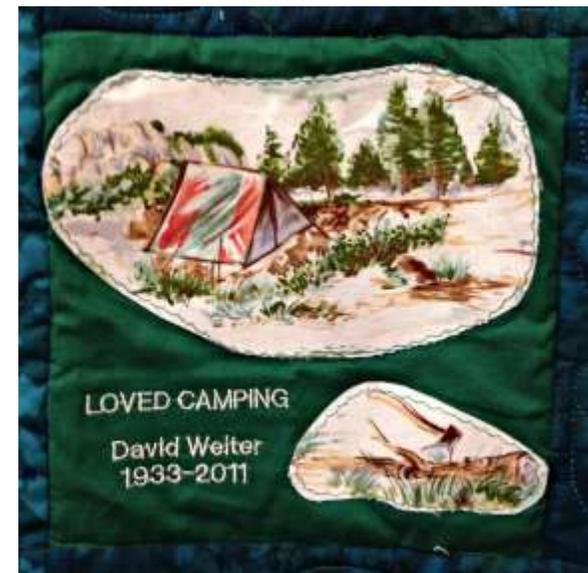
Here are some memories from his granddaughter, Madeline Benson:

He would build a campfire to keep us warm and for entertainment. He would play games to keep us from being bored. He would ride beside us on his bike so we weren't alone. He would tell stories both of his own and make believe. He would pay attention to every single one of us. He made sure we were all so happy, and when we gaze now in to the night sky, he still does.

*Quilt square designed by Lilibell Welter, wife, and Gwyn Benson, daughter.
Submitted by Gwyn and Madeline Benson.*



Quilt 20, Block F1



HONORING
BROOKLYNE K. WILLIAMS
BOISE, IDAHO
DONOR
APRIL 15, 1993—AUGUST 16, 2013

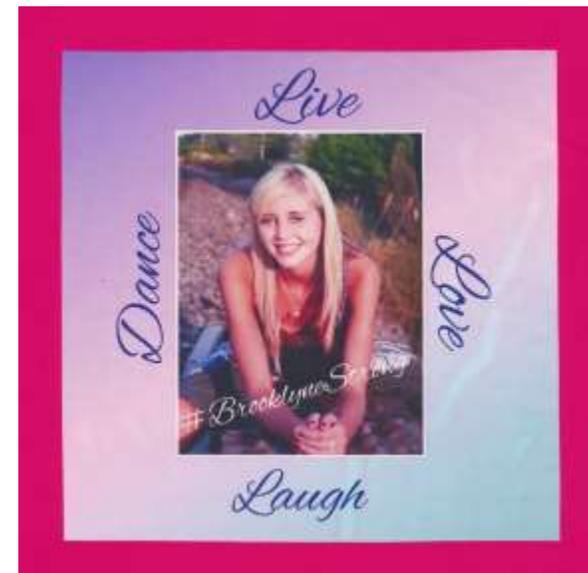
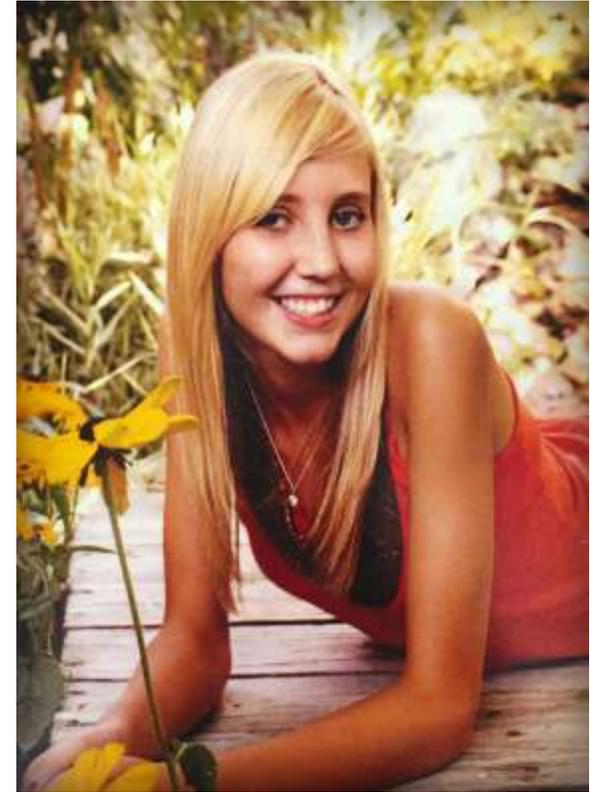
Brooklyne was born with a rare medical condition known as Short Bowel Syndrome. She was in and out of the hospital throughout her entire life, but she did not allow that to slow her down. She lived her life to the fullest, loving life and enjoying hobbies such as dancing, traveling, and anything to do with water, especially the beaches. In her twenty years on this Earth, she graced many of us with love, laughter, and happiness every single day.

Many people didn't know Brooklyne had medical issues; she kept it a secret and wanted people to see her as she was. She always knew there may be a possibility of her needing a transplant someday in life and had told her family that if she passed on, she would like to donate whatever organs or tissues she could. Brooklyne died on August 16, 2013 after battling a long, courageous year of medical issues.

Brooklyne was attending Boise State University and was a member of a sorority when she passed away. A scholarship was established in her name at BSU for young adults with chronic health conditions. Her giving did not end with her life, though. She was able to be a donor. Her dedication to the cause spread like wildfire and many of the loved ones around her were also inspired to become donors as well, and to spread the awareness of the importance of donation. She left behind a legacy that will never be forgotten.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by Wendy Magnuson, aunt and
Monica Williams, mother.*

Quilt 20, Block F8



HONORING
GEOFFREY E. WILLIAMS
PORTLAND, OREGON
DONOR
JULY 18, 1984—JULY 24, 2017

Geoffrey Williams was a loving, playful, hardworking person and a loyal friend, brother, son, uncle, cousin, and nephew to many. He is missed greatly by all.

Geoff was an extremely brilliant and artistic person, and we will treasure his paintings and beautiful pencil drawings forever.

As best friends throughout their lives, Geoffrey and his brother, Jacob, spent as much time as possible together enjoying life to the fullest. Geoff was a jokester and loved to play silly, fun pranks on his brother. Jacob would do the same back. He was loyal to and loved his nephew and two nieces and would spend as much time with them as was possible. He was playful and was known to play jokes on them and throw the football and jump on the trampoline with them.

Geoff was a very sensitive person who wore his heart on his sleeve. His quilt square was inspired by the many times we went to Hawaii, Mexico, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Pacific Ocean together. He loved the ocean, and these were some of the places we spent time together as a family.

I have been told that his corneas were successfully transplanted, and my family gets comfort in knowing that someone is looking out at the world through Geoff's eyes. I believe he donated other tissues as well.

Quilt square designed and submitted by Suzy Quinlan, mother.

Quilt 20, Block G1



HONORING
RICHARD WOODWARD
NEHALEM, OREGON
CORNEA AND TISSUE DONOR
OCTOBER 7, 1940—SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Richard Wayne Woodward was born October 7, 1940 and died September 5, 2015. Richard was a dairy farmer. He was married to his wife, LaRayne, for 54 years and 8 months. He was the father of 4, the grandfather of 13, and the great-grandfather of 17.

At his death, Richard was able to be a donor of both corneas and tissue.

*Quilt square designed and submitted by
LaRayne Woodward, wife.*

Quilt 20, Block A1



CELEBRATING
ALYSIA YAMASAKI
PORTLAND, OREGON
KIDNEY RECIPIENT ON OCTOBER 21, 1988
WAITING ON A SECOND KIDNEY

This square was created and submitted to acknowledge all of the hope we have had over the past year while waiting for my second kidney transplant. We want to encourage others who are waiting to not lose hope!

Quilt square designed and submitted by Alysia Yamasaki and Joshua Sienkiewicz, boyfriend.

Quilt 20, Block B3

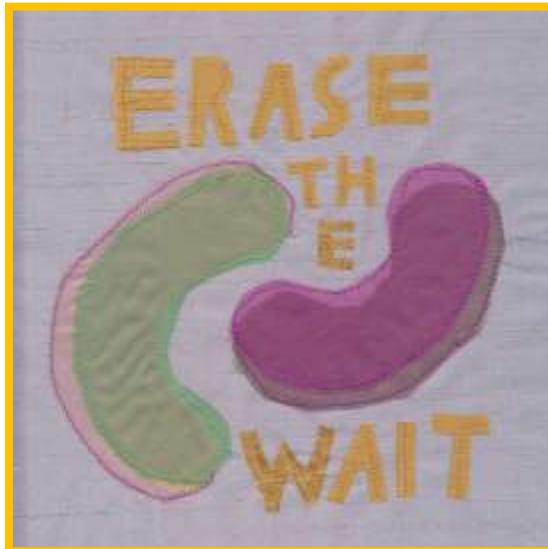


CELEBRATING DONATE LIFE NORTHWEST PROGRAMS



Done Vida Noroeste es nuestro programa de alcance hispano hablante. Es un grupo hecho de voluntarios Latinos con una conexión personal a la donación de órganos, ojos, y tejidos. Algunos de los voluntarios son parte de familias donantes, otros son receptores de un trasplante o familia de un receptor, y otros más esperan a un trasplante para salvar su vida. Los voluntarios pasan la voz sobre la donación en ferias de salud, dando presentaciones comunitarias en español, y por compartir sus testimonios en los medios.

Done Vida Noroeste is our Spanish-speaking outreach program. It is a group made of Latino volunteers with a personal connection to organ, eye, and tissue donation. Some of the volunteers are part of donor families, others are transplant recipients or family of recipients, and others are waiting for a transplant to save their life. These volunteers spread the word about donation at health fairs, giving community presentations in Spanish, and by sharing their stories with the media.



Erase the Wait encourages kidney patients to explore the full range of treatment options through the Living Kidney Donation Mentorship program. In the mentorship program, waitlisted kidney patients learn about living kidney donation and practice ways to educate their community and spread the word about their need for a transplant. These patients are paired with a trained mentor who is either a living kidney donor or recipient. The mentors act as a source of support and inspiration throughout the patient's outreach process.

Erase the Wait, Borra la Espera, ayuda a pacientes con fallo renal en su exploración de las opciones de tratamiento a través de un programa de tutoría sobre la donación en vida de riñón. En el programa de tutoría, pacientes esperando un trasplante de riñón, aprenden sobre la donación en vida y practican maneras de educar a su comunidad y pasar la voz sobre su necesidad de un trasplante. Estos pacientes trabajan con un mentor entrenado quien es donante en vida o receptor de una donación en vida. Los mentores sirven como una fuente de apoyo e inspiración durante el proceso de alcance del paciente.



Go Recycle Yourself (GRY) is our program which aims to educate high-school-aged youth about organ, eye, and tissue donation. Through this program, we offer free, in-class presentations in high school all across Oregon and Southwest Washington that are provided by a speaker with either a personal or professional connection to the subject. GRY also features a curriculum that is available to download for free for teachers who want to teach this topic on their own, as well as an educational website for students and teachers. By reaching high school students and teachers, this program is dispelling common misconceptions about organ and tissue donation and equipping students with the tools to make an informed decision about donation. This program teaches values including altruism and encourages family discussions about donation. Reaching these students aims to increase levels of knowledge, increase number of registered donors, and save countless lives. Find out more by visiting www.gorecycleyourself.com.

Done Vida Noroeste (Block G2) and Erase the Wait (Block D4) squares were designed and submitted by Arcadia Trueheart on behalf of the Donate Life Northwest staff.

Go Recycle Yourself (GRY) square (Block A6) was designed and submitted by Marissa Mark on behalf of the Donate Life Northwest staff.

CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers make it possible for Donate Life Northwest to continue to fulfill our mission. You inspire us. You're not afraid to roll up your sleeves and do whatever is required to keep the message of donation going out to your communities. We truly know that you save lives — thank you!

**In 2017, we had 443 active volunteers,
who served a total of 2,375 hours!**



*Quilt square designed and
submitted by Sarah Salter
on behalf of the
Donate Life Northwest staff.*

Quilt 20, Block G4

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



*Square submitted by DLNW staff.
Quilt 20, Square B1*



*Square submitted by LVG staffer,
Deni Watson.
Quilt 20, Square E5*



*Square submitted by DLNW staff.
Quilt 20, Square F6*