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Donation Spotlight

Through September 2012, over 700 organ transplants have been performed in North Carolina. Duke University Hospital leads the four other NC transplant centers with about 250 transplants completed thus far while Carolinas Medical Center comes in second with over 160 transplant surgeries. We thank all surgical staff members for helping to save lives!

You Can Help

Visit donatelifenc.org/you-can-help to find out how.

New Year Perspective: Looking Back on 2012

As 2013 unfolds in front of us, we want to reflect on the events from the past year:

- In May, we held our first Legislative Day, bringing together transplant recipients, donor family members, living donors, donation/transplantation professionals, and general supporters to Raleigh in order to seek out bipartisan Legislative champions.
- Our DMV Awards program expanded from only honoring offices in each district with the highest donor designation rates to also include offices with the most improved rates. 26 offices received 28 awards across the state, from Asheville to Manteo.
- Donate Life America launched its 20 Million in 2012 campaign—an ambitious goal to register 20 million Americans as organ and tissue donors in 2012. Events included National Blue and Green Day during Donate Life Month; Linking Hands ceremonies held throughout the year; and Donate Life Champion awards, recognizing those who use sports as a platform to spread awareness and education about donation.
- North Carolina was recognized with the Silver Medal of Honor for its state organ, tissue and eye donor registry.
- Facebook allowed users to add when they registered as “Organ Donors” to its Timeline feature, which led to a huge increase in the number of online organ and tissue donor registrations in the U.S. Here in North Carolina, we saw over 1,000 online registrations within one week of the announcement.



- Team Carolinas, comprised of three heart recipients and one kidney recipient, brought home 14 gold, silver and bronze medals from this summer’s Transplant Games of America 2012 (Rob Newton’s medals pictured left).
- We added another outreach arm for Donate Life NC: targeting 50-64 year olds. After reviewing data and surveys over several years, we have seen a dramatic decrease in the donor designation rate for that specific age demographic. We have major plans for this in 2013!

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License Plate Update

We are closer and closer to the required 300 applications for the Donate Life license plate to become a reality. At this time, we need 65 more people to apply. Want to have your first year's fee paid? Former Rep. Dale Folwell agreed to pay for the first 25 applications who write "DALE FOLWELL" across the top. There are still a few of those available to claim. Visit our website to download the application. What better way to start the new year than to drive donation!

Make a Financial Contribution Online

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Donate Life Award

Carolina Donor Services, one of the two state organ recovery agencies, recognized the efforts of former Rep. Dale Folwell and retired NC Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Driver Services Director Brenda Freeman at its annual Appreciation Dinner in November 2012. These two individuals were honored for their commitments to increasing awareness and opportunities for North Carolina residents to register as organ, tissue and eye donors. Congratulations!

Survey Results: DMV Customers, Examiners

In the last three months, we have worked with a marketing firm to conduct two different surveys related to organ donation here in North Carolina. We do such surveys to understand reasons why (or why not) people choose to register as organ donors as well as their perceptions of donation. From the results, we re-evaluate our different outreach programs and make changes to address pressing concerns.

In August, we surveyed DMV Customers at three different state offices. Here are three important pieces of information for your reference from what we learned:

- The red heart on your driver's license or ID card is first-person, legal consent for organ and eye donation. It does NOT mean that you are willing to be a living donor or willing to donate your body to science. You should share your end-of-life wishes with your family. 
- All individuals, aged 16 and above, will be asked to join the North Carolina organ and eye donor registry. There is no age limit to organ donation.
- If you have questions or need more information, you have two options at the DMV: review the counter mat or pick up a rack card from a display. This has Donate Life NC's website and facts about organ donation.

In October, we surveyed DMV Examiners across the state, as we do every other year. We truly appreciate all of the Examiners who took the time to complete the online form. Here are some interesting highlights from this survey:

- 86 percent of Examiners have met an organ recipient and 72 percent have met a living donor or donor family member (many are the DMV Ambassador for their respective offices!).
- 70 percent of Examiners believe organ donation is a good thing (but only 46 percent have indicated their wishes to be donors on their licenses).
- Many see the younger generation as viewing organ donation more positively.
- Examiners who feel more positively about donation indicated they received more information, know or have met a recipient or someone on the waiting list, watched positive television programs, and/or participated in a presentation.
- Examiners who feel less favorably toward donation believe the family should make the decision at the time of death and/or have heard several of the more common donation myths and misconceptions.

We appreciate both the positive and constructive feedback we received. We know the DMV is not always the ideal place to talk about organ donation, but it is the one place that the vast majority of people visit. We are working to develop other partnerships for more comfortable places to converse about donation.

In the meantime, we invite you to always feel free to reach out to the Donate Life North Carolina staff by emailing us at info@donatelifenc.org.



Donate Life Float

We hope you were able to see the Donate Life Float during the 124th Rose Parade on January 1. North Carolina had two connections this year: Carolyn Henry Glaspy, mother of former NFL Wide Receiver and organ donor Chris Henry, rode on the float with 31 other donor family members and recipients. Also, a beautiful florograph (a photo made from roses) of Danny Bost, organ and tissue donor, was proudly displayed on the float.

Meet the challenge!

Help us to secure 300 applications for the Donate Life license plate.

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Upcoming 2013 Events

As part of Donate Life Month, Donate Life America established an annual National Blue and Green Day for the third Friday in April, which will be April 19. Show your support by wearing the Donate Life blue and green and sharing your photos on social media. Additionally, we will be participating in our second annual Legislative Day in May 2013. More details will be coming soon!

Ambassador Spotlight: Carlton and Judi Bryant

Most of our volunteers have a personal connection to organ donation and transplantation. For Judi and Carlton, their connection is their granddaughter, Abron. Abron was born with nephronophthisis, a rare kidney disease that progresses to end stage renal failure.

In April 2005 Abron, age 9, received her first kidney from her mother. Unfortunately, she was unable to keep the kidney and spent nine months on hemodialysis plus seven months on peritoneal dialysis. In September 2006 her family received the call: the hospital had found a match. Shortly after Abron's second transplant, Judi and Carlton began their unanticipated volunteer journey into organ, eye and tissue donation.

Judi was already volunteering for the local hospital. While participating in a health fair, she spied Beth Hinesley with Carolina Donor Services, (CDS) one of the state's organ recovery agencies. Upon meeting Beth, Judi and Carlton joined CDS' volunteer ranks., where they still participate in health fairs, school presentations, and other community-based events.

In 2009, Judi and Carlton "adopted" five DMV offices: Boone, Newland, Wilkesboro, Spruce Pine, and Jefferson. They share often about the fantastic DMV Examiners who work at those respective offices. Judi and Carlton earned additional bragging rights as the Boone DMV has earned the highest donor designation rate in NC for both 2010 and 2011.

What keeps Judi and Carlton motivated? "To begin with, it was because of Abron," Judi said. "We fully understand from a grandparent standpoint and the difference that it can make in a recipient's life. If Abron had not had received her two life-saving gifts, she would most likely not be with us. Additionally, it became important for us that people understand how critical the need is for organ donors."

As a volunteer in the donation community for several years, Judi shared a keen insight: "We have seen an increase in the number of individuals we talk to who now know someone either on the transplant waiting list or someone who is an organ recipient." She recognizes that having that connection is incredibly powerful for people.

While educating residents to register as donors can be tough work, Judi and Carlton

maintain their compassionate, light-hearted demeanors, especially when working with their (sometimes silly) DMV Examiners. The Bryants have developed strong relationships with all those they serve, and we are in their debt for all they have done to inspire people to register in North Carolina.



District Supervisor Dan Thomas, DMV Examiner David Shuford, Judi and Carlton Bryant pose during the 2012 Donate Life NC DMV Awards presentation for the Spruce Pine DMV Office.

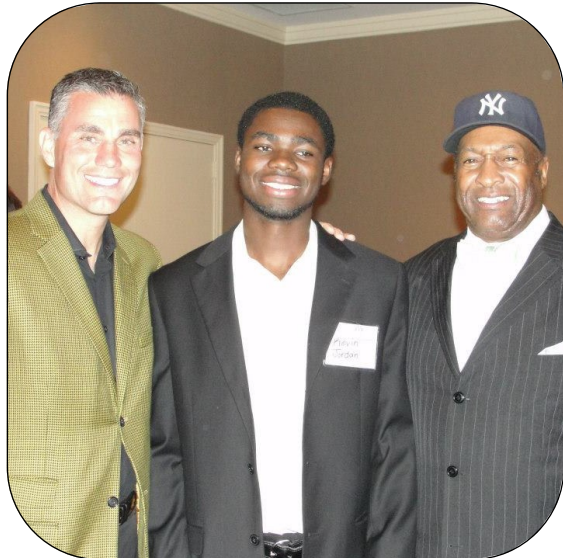
Donate Life Champions Recognized For Donation Efforts



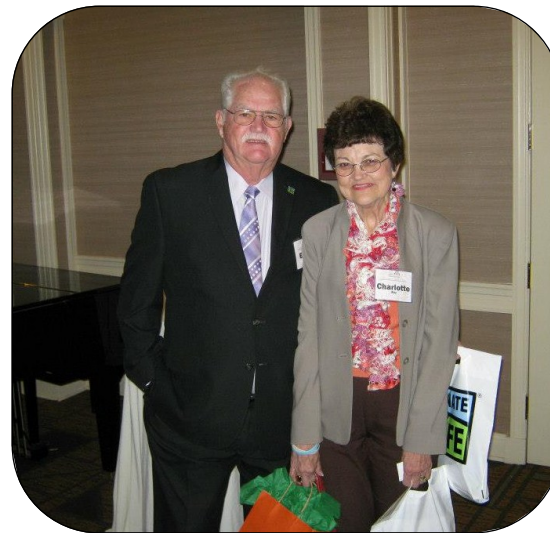
Above: Ickey Woods and Carolyn Glaspy received their awards at the Cincinnati Bengals game on November 4. Ms. Glaspy's son, Chris Henry, was an organ donor in 2009.



Above: Former Duke basketball player Jay Williams (left) receives his award at the Western Washington vs. Duke basketball game along with his mother (far right) Althea who received a kidney transplant.



Above: Coach Tom Walter (living donor), Kevin Jordan (kidney recipient), and Bobby Height (heart recipient) celebrate their Donate Life Champions honors at the CDS Appreciation Dinner.



Below: Dawn Hall (CDS), Coach Tom Walter (living donor), and Sharon Hirsch (Donate Life NC) present Coach Walter's award at the Wake Forest-Boston College football game.



Left: Charlotte and Emmitt Ray, parents of organ donor Jason Ray, accept the Donate Life Champions Award at the CDS Appreciation Dinner.

