

Monthly news and information about organ and tissue donation from LifeCenter Northwest.

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Partnering with hospitals and community partners in Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington to save lives through organ and tissue donation.

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Join Us for an upcoming Donation Celebration!

Each year we bring donor families, transplant recipients, and donation partners together to share stories, meet new people, and celebrate those who have given the gift of life and sight through organ, eye and tissue donation.

Our summer Donation Celebrations hosted in collaboration with our donation partner, SightLife, are held in four different locations throughout

Did You Know?

LifeCenter's Family Aftercare Program is an 18-month bereavement program designed to provide a source of support to donor families after the loss of a loved one. This includes helping to connect donor and recipient families when possible.

Last year we facilitated over **550** letters between organ and tissue donor families and recipients helping to provide hope and healing during the grieving process.

Montana and Washington.

Please join us at an event closest to you. To register, click [here](#).

Join us!

You are invited to a community celebration of donation. Come share stories, meet new people, and celebrate those who have given the gift of life and sight through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Invited guests include donor families, recipients, community partners, and medical professionals. The afternoon will consist of a shared meal and a short program.

You are welcome to bring guests with you. Please go to our website to register yourself and your guests at:
www.LCNW.org/celebration






Eastern MT: June 9 ● Event begins promptly at 12 p.m.
 The Big Horn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane, Billings, MT 59102

Western MT: June 10 ● Event begins promptly at 12 p.m.
 The Barn on Mullan, 8500 Mullan Rd, Missoula, MT 59808

Eastern WA: July 21 ● Event begins promptly at 12 p.m.
 CenterPlace, 2426 N Discovery Pl, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

Western WA: July 29 ● Event begins promptly at 11 a.m.
 Hyatt Regency Bellevue, 900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

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We Are Proud to Feature Laurie Brown, Chief Experience Officer, CHI Franciscan Health as our May "Leader in Donation"

CHI Franciscan Health is an integrated health system serving the South Puget Sound, including seven acute care hospitals, and many clinics and specialty services. In 2017, CHI Franciscan Health had a total of 22 organ donors resulting in 63 lives saved through transplantation and 61 tissue donors resulting in over 7,500 grafts for transplant.

What does organ and tissue donation mean to you?

I think of it as a gift. When I was a brand new nurse, I worked at Sacred Heart in Spokane, and I remember being part of the donation committee. Just thinking about the gift of life, organ and tissue donation is such a gift.

Key point: Many healthcare providers see organ and tissue donation as an enormous show of generosity by either the patient or their family and can find this motivating in difficult cases.

Why has your donation program been so successful? What drives you to make donation a priority in your hospitals?

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CEU Opportunities



In need of annual continuing education credits? [Check out](#) our growing list of CEU courses and specialty events. For further questions and additional offerings, [click here](#) to find your Hospital Development Program Manager.

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LifeCenter Northwest is Growing!

Current job openings at LifeCenter Northwest:

Bellevue, WA
 Donor Information Specialist

Hospital Development
 Coordinator

Manager, Organ Recovery

Organ Recovery Coordinator

Quality Management Systems
 Specialist

Senior Accountant

Surgical Recovery Coordinator

Tissue Recovery Coordinator

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I think donation is successful in our organization due to our leaders and staff at each of our entities. They are really the ones that make this happen. They are passionate about it, and they see the benefit. Truthfully, one of the things we really appreciate are the letters we get back from LifeCenter that gives very nice feedback on the outcomes of the successful donation. We often read those as a reflection at the beginning of a meeting to reinforce

donation. I think it's part of who we are in terms of being in mind, body, and spirit. It's a comprehensive approach to care. When you're helping your community there's that additional benefit, you're helping a family through a troubling time, an awful time; but then you're helping someone else in a different way through that same journey. It's the right thing to do!

Best Practice: Hospitals who find ways to ensure their staff recognizes the benefit of donation to both the donor family and recipients see staff with greater investment in the donation program and its success.

To read the full interview, click [here](#)

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LifeSaver Series: Dr. Edwin Lee, Alaska Hospitalist Group

We established the monthly LifeCenter LifeSaver Award, presented monthly, to honor those who demonstrate a commitment to improving donation outcomes and/or culture through their actions, time, and energy. We are proud to announce our May LifeSaver Award winner, Dr. Edwin Lee, [Alaska Hospitalist Group](#).



In donation, physician support is a key element to success. Recently, Dr. Lee of the Alaska Hospitalist Group made an incredible difference in our efforts to support a donor family at Alaska Regional Hospital.

In this case, parents of a young woman arrived at the hospital and heard their daughter's poor prognosis. This family asked right away if she could possibly be an organ donor based on a past connection to donation and transplantation. They

desperately wanted something positive to come of their daughter's terrible situation.

Register to Become an Organ Donor



If you want to learn more about how you can help

others through organ and tissue donation or want to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor, [click here](#).

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We'd Love to Hear From You!



Your feedback is important to us. It helps us maximize collaboration and serve our stakeholders as best we can.

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Overnight, their daughter became unstable for reasons unknown and the hospital alerted the family and the LifeCenter team. Dr. Lee began working hard to do everything he could knowing how much donation meant to this family. He joined LifeCenter to meet with the family, answered all of their questions, and addressed their concerns. He made a plan with the family and the team to do everything possible to make donation happen for this family.

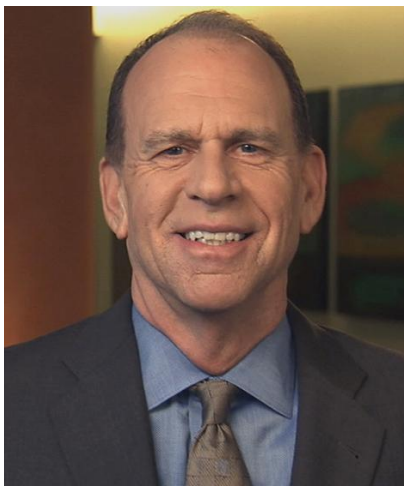
Unfortunately, despite all efforts by Dr. Lee and LifeCenter to support the patient for donation, the patient rapidly declined, and it was not possible to recover organs for transplant. The family was grateful to Dr. Lee for his constant care and dedication to their loved one to try to fulfill their wishes.

Dr. Lee's commitment to his patient, the family, and the donation process demonstrates the steadfast commitment required even in the face of defeat. A continued focus on supporting patients for donation is needed to make organ transplantation a reality. With similar efforts in the future, the patient may become a donor.

It is our honor to present Dr. Lee with this month's LifeSaver Award.

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Local CEO Featured on National Donation Front for Donation Advocacy



Earlier this year, Paul Hayes, Executive Director at **Harborview Medical Center** in Seattle, WA, participated in a video testimonial regarding administrative authorization for donation in partnership with the Organ Donation and Transplantation Alliance.

Paul's testimonial focused on the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act (UAGA), and what hospitals need to know, particularly in instances of potential organ donors who may or

may not be identified, without available next of kin after diligent search. We encourage other hospitals to have a protocol in place for these delicate situations.



Click the image to watch the video.

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Stories of Hope

Washington and Montana Governor's Gift of Life Ceremonies Honoring Organ Donors From 2017

Each year, we have the honor of collaborating with the Governor's office in Montana and Washington to honor organ donors from the previous year with the Gift of Life Award; check out our recent blog post for a recap and photos of the ceremonies.

Montana Gift of Life Award Ceremony



Click [here](#) to see photos and [here](#) to view video article

Washington Gift of Life Award Ceremony, Olympia, WA



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The simple choice *that saves a life*

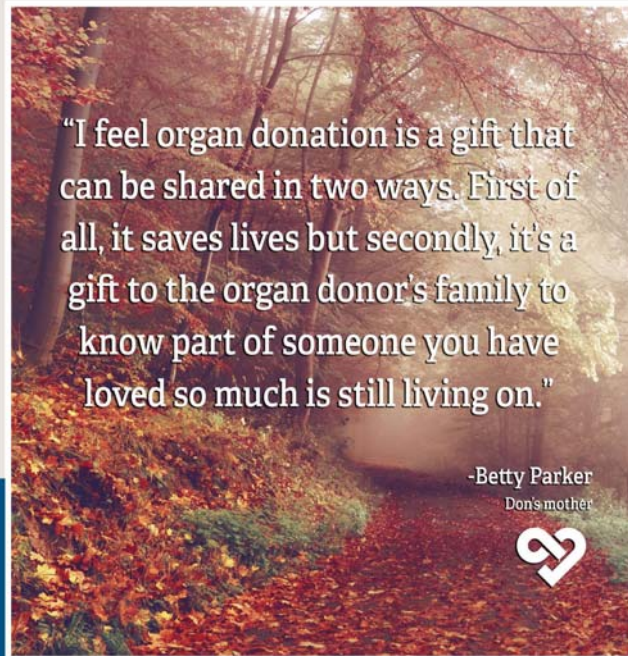


Don Carzen

Don's life was cut short in a terrible tragedy. Before he died, he made the decision to become an organ, eye and tissue donor. His decision saved the lives of two people on the national transplant wait list, helped hundreds through tissue donation and gave hope to his family who was mourning his death.

By making the referral call within
 60 minutes of clinical triggers,
 and time of death,
 you can change a life.

1-888-543-3287



"I feel organ donation is a gift that can be shared in two ways. First of all, it saves lives but secondly, it's a gift to the organ donor's family to know part of someone you have loved so much is still living on."

-Betty Parker
 Don's mother



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