

OUR MISSION:

Working together to save lives
through organ and tissue donation



SERVING ALASKA, MONTANA, NORTH IDAHO, AND WASHINGTON



Kevin O'Connor

PRESIDENT & CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
LIFECENTER NORTHWEST

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Last year, LifeCenter Northwest organ donors gave more transplant patients a second chance at life than ever before, and thousands of lives were greatly improved through the success of our tissue donation program. These accomplishments would not be possible without the hard work and diligence of so many people.

We are grateful to the generous donors who gave these gifts and to their families for the willingness to think of others in the midst of their own pain and loss. We are fortunate to work with dedicated hospital partners

throughout Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington, who work hand in glove with us to make donation possible. We are thankful for the steadfast commitment of our transplant programs to work together to help patients in need. Each member of the LifeCenter Northwest team exemplifies dedication to our mission, day in and day out, and they are an inspiration to all of us who are fortunate enough to work with them.

In 2018, we committed ourselves to updating and energizing our strategic plan. Based on feedback from our staff, our leadership team set out to refine our goals and clarify our imminent needs. The final plan focuses on fully resourcing our organization for the future, strengthening our culture grounded in our core values, driving increased efficiency and effectiveness, and improving communication. While it is an ambitious body of work, we are excited to be taking action and intent on being the best we can be for patients in need of organs and tissues, for donors and their families, and for our employees, who make it all possible.

A key element of the strategic planning process was the creation of our new vision statement. This effort was characterized by boundless enthusiasm, a shared sense of purpose, and a strong commitment to better serving the entire donation community. Our team's shared passion and dedication gave us a clear path forward, and our new vision statement came into focus for all of us in short order. It is a privilege to serve our donors and their families, and it is their courage and generosity that motivate us to bring out the best in ourselves every day.

LifeCenter Northwest 2018 Highlights:

More lives saved than ever before.

Most organs transplanted in one month, December, 103 organs transplanted from 31 donors.

First HOPE Act (HIV Organ Policy Equity) donor, enabling safe and successful transplantation of organs from an HIV-positive-donor to HIV-positive-patients.

Record numbers of people attended donor family celebrations across the region.

Ten years of tissue recovery services.

Our new vision statement:

A future where no one dies on the organ transplant waiting list, high-quality tissue grafts are available to all in need, every donor and donor family is honored, and all employees are inspired and empowered to realize their highest potential in service of our mission.

As you will see throughout this report our focus continues to be on community; on serving patients waiting for an organ transplant or tissue allograft; on collaboration with hospital and transplant partners; and on the growth and development of the extraordinary staff we have throughout our service area. It is truly a privilege to serve our donors and their families. Their courage and generosity motivate us to bring out the best in ourselves every day.



Family of organ donor, Ryan Reeves

A future where no one dies on the organ transplant waiting list

For someone awaiting a life-saving organ transplant, every minute is valuable. As stewards of the most precious gift, we know time is of the essence. Our team works around the clock to ensure we strive for best practices and a streamlined donation process so no opportunity is lost to save a life.

We work in close collaboration with hospital partners and transplant centers in our region and beyond to get organs to patients in need. We continually aspire to improve and build upon our partnerships to save more lives each year.

Organ Transplant Partners



2018 Financial Report

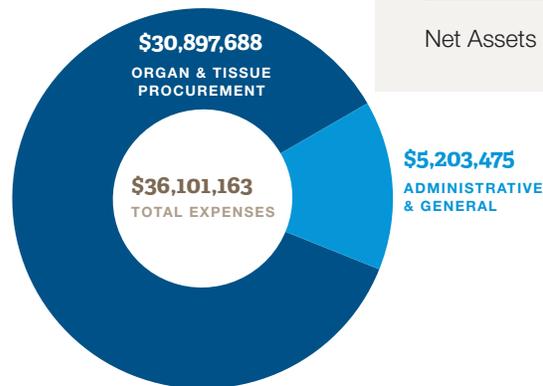
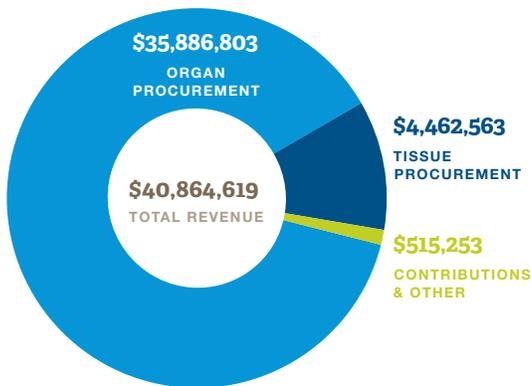
LifeCenter Northwest is one of 58 federally designated nonprofit Organ Procurement Organizations in the United States.

LifeCenter works together with families, medical professionals, and communities in Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington to save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation.

Financial Position

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Assets	\$ 26,321,072
Liabilities	\$ 7,569,236
Net Assets	\$ 18,751,836



Jennifer Rohe

HEART RECIPIENT

Lacey, Washington

University of Washington Medical Center



At the end of 2017, Jennifer Rohe couldn't have been happier. She had just given birth to her second child and her 2-year-old son adored his new sister.

Soon after returning home, however, she began experiencing symptoms that brought her back to the hospital. She was shocked to be diagnosed with a rare heart condition that occurs following childbirth and weakens the heart to the point that it is not able to pump blood through the body. She was transferred

to the University of Washington Medical Center and over the next few months endured life support, a total artificial heart, a stroke, and was told that her only chance at life was a heart transplant.

Through all the medical emergencies and close-calls, Jennifer says the hardest part was being away from her babies. She remembers crying tears of joy the cold January day her doctor came to her with the news that they had found a heart for her.

Today, it's back to business as usual for Jennifer and her family. Her husband returned to work, she can happily keep up with her two active toddlers, and they were able to take many memorable family trips over the past year.

"I think of my donor and their family often and I hope they know how thankful I am for this precious gift of life. I get to see my children grow up, and they don't have to go through life without their mom," said Jennifer.



Tissue donor numbers
over past 10 years:

2008 = 51

2018 = 556

National CryoLife Aortic workshop hosted at LifeCenter Northwest headquarters

High-quality tissue grafts are available to all in need

In 2018, our tissue program celebrated a huge milestone — **10 years of tissue recovery services**. We have the privilege of working with hospitals throughout Montana, North Idaho, and Washington to help generous tissue donors heal and save the lives of others in need. These gifts have helped infants born with congenital heart defects,

saved burn victims with healing tissue grafts, prevented amputations for patients with traumatic nerve damage, and restored health and muscle or joint functions for others. We are thankful for our dedicated team and processing partners who have supported the growth of our program and help serve so many in need across the nation.

Prominent Tissue Awards

MTF

Golden Hourglass Award, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014

Community Tissue Services

Platinum Pyramid Performance Award,
2nd and 4th quarter, 2013

CryoLife

Gold Status Award, 2018

VASCULAR RECOVERY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Brannon Casler, 2014

Jose Armenteros, Casey Dutt, and Susan Loudon, 2015

Shawna Miller, 2015

Tyler Fitzhugh and Shawn Adams, 2018

Axogen

Recovery Organization of the Year, 2015, 2016

2018 Tissue Partners



Daniel McCartney

TISSUE DONOR

Yelm, Washington

St. Joseph Medical Center

Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy Daniel Alexander McCartney dedicated his life to serving others. After high school, he joined the Navy and served on the USS Abraham Lincoln as an enlisted surface warfare specialist. During his time in the Navy, Daniel received several awards including the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service, and the NATO Medal. After being honorably discharged in 2008, he was recruited by the Hoquiam Police Department in Southwest Washington.



Daniel spent six years in Hoquiam before transferring to Pierce County in August 2014. In January, 2018 he responded to an armed robbery at a residence in the nearby town of Frederickson. A foot chase ensued, and while attempting to apprehend the suspects Daniel was fatally shot.

In addition to being a decorated veteran and a reliable law enforcement officer, Daniel was a loving husband and father of three young boys. Upon his death, he was able to continue in his service to others by becoming a tissue donor. Earlier this year, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Firearms Training Center was named after the fallen deputy.

Every donor and donor family is honored

At LifeCenter Northwest, our families are at the forefront of everything we do. Saving lives would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and donor families. We sit with families in the midst of tragedy and are continuously amazed by their kindness and strength.

Our teams spend as much time as is needed to ensure everyone understands the donation process, provide memory making opportunities to help with healing and remembrance, and build an ongoing connection with the family through grief and bereavement support.

We know the healing value of having a community to belong to, so after donation, families are invited to events where they have a chance to connect with others. We continue to recognize and honor those who gave the ultimate gift. Healing takes time, and our team is here every step of the way.



Ozzy Wilson

ORGAN DONOR

Lame Deer, Montana

St. Vincent Healthcare

Everyone knew when Ozzy Wilson walked into a room. Standing 6'3", his large stature was matched by his bright smile, charismatic presence, and empathetic nature. Ozzy was a proud member of the Northern Cheyenne Nation and enjoyed exploring the great outdoors of Montana. One of his favorite pastimes was hiking and hunting with his siblings and cousins.

Outgoing and kind, Ozzy loved being around people. He had a big heart and found his happiness in making others happy. If someone he knew was not doing well, whether physical or emotional, he would stop by and do whatever he could to make sure they were smiling before he left.

"He could tease you about something in such a way that you couldn't possibly be offended, just laugh at his silliness," said his mother, Teresa, "The world is a much dimmer place without him."

Today, the light Ozzy provided for his family and friends serves as the life source for the recipients of his heart, liver, and both kidneys. His family has been in contact with the recipient of that big heart of his.



Courtney Miller

DONOR FAMILY

Anchorage, Alaska

Alaska Providence Medical Center

At 26 years old, Aaron Kohring was young, healthy, and full of life. A former University of Fairbanks basketball player and member of the Turnagain Bore Tide Rugby Club, sports played an important role in the young athlete's life. During a summer rugby match, Aaron was knocked unconscious after a head on collision with an opposing player. He was rushed to Providence Alaska Medical Center but sadly passed away shortly after.

His girlfriend, Courtney Miller, will never forget that tragic day. "It was truly living in a nightmare with nowhere to go. His ability to be a donor became the only sliver of light during the darkest time of my life."

Knowing the kind, giving person Aaron was, Courtney was certain that he would want to be a donor and continue to help others in death as he did in life.

"The team who facilitated the process was incredible," Courtney remembers. "They worked lovingly and endlessly to make the experience understood and accepted."



Our clinical team sat with Aaron's family and listened. They provided a safe space for each person to express their feelings and answered questions and concerns with compassion and empathy. In the end, Aaron's gifts saved the lives of four people through the donation of his right kidney, left kidney and pancreas, liver, and heart.

"I am forever thankful for LifeCenter and the work they do, as it takes incredible courage and love to step into a family's nightmares with them."

All employees are inspired and empowered to realize their highest potential in service of our mission

The important work we do would not be possible without a dedicated and vibrant team, and that is why part of our new vision is a strong emphasis on the development and support of our staff. We began last year by planning on how best to support staff. Moving forward, we plan to allocate additional funds for training, education opportunities, and incorporate resiliency programs.

Saving lives is hard work, and we want to make sure our employees have the right tools to take care of themselves while working so relentlessly to serve others.

In addition to answering the needs of our team members, we concentrated on weaving our values into everything we do and acknowledging individuals for exhibiting those values in their work.

Each year, we present our Values Award to a staff member who goes above and beyond in exemplifying the five core values of LifeCenter Northwest: **Integrity, Respect, Courageous Leadership, Service, and Collaboration.** Employees are nominated by their peers and the winner is selected by the leadership team.



2018 Values Award Winner

Megan Bevis

DONOR INFORMATION SPECIALIST

As a Donor Information Specialist, Megan reviews donor charts for both organ and tissue donor cases entered by our clinical coordinators. She works in close collaboration with the Quality and Regulatory Affairs department and helps support members of our teams by assuring that they meet operational requirements. Megan's commitment and dedication to our mission and values is exceptional.

Megan shares that the most rewarding parts of working at LifeCenter is hearing from recipients and knowing they have been given the gift of life. She says she is also grateful for the opportunity to work with a team full of intelligent, hardworking members who are continuously active and committed to working for the same goal.



2018 LifeSaver Winners

At LifeCenter Northwest, collaborating with local hospitals, medical centers, and medical professionals is an essential part of fulfilling our mission. The LifeCenter Northwest LifeSaver Award was established to honor those who demonstrate a commitment to improving donation outcomes and culture.

JANUARY

Gil Gonzales, MSN, RN, CCRN, SCRN, CNRN, CNL, Nursing Manager

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER — CHERRY HILL CAMPUS, SEATTLE, WA

FEBRUARY

Joel Randall, PA-C

PROVIDENCE SACRED HEART MEDICAL CENTER, SPOKANE, WA

MARCH

Eric Hansen, RN

ST. CLARE HOSPITAL, LAKEWOOD, WA

APRIL

Karen K. Koo, MD

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER, FIRST HILL CAMPUS, SEATTLE, WA

MAY

Edwin Lee, MD

ALASKA HOSPITALIST GROUP, ANCHORAGE, AK

JUNE

Laura Garcia, RN

ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER, TACOMA, WA

JULY

Autumn Lane, Surgical Technologist

PROVIDENCE SACRED HEART MEDICAL CENTER, SPOKANE, WA

AUGUST

Tony Gehler, RT

HARRISON MEDICAL CENTER, BREMERTON, WA

SEPTEMBER

Tanya Copenhaver, Clinical Social Worker

MULTICARE TACOMA GENERAL HOSPITAL, TACOMA, WA

OCTOBER

Robert Dietz, MD

ST. VINCENT HEALTHCARE, BILLINGS, MT

NOVEMBER

Rosie Baker, RN

Julianna Haven, RN

ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER, TACOMA, WA

DECEMBER

Scott Branch, DO

CONFLUENCE HEALTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON HOSPITAL, WENATCHEE, WA



Organ Donation



271

Total Organ Donors in 2018

72

Donation after Circulatory Death*

199

Donation after Brain Death*

*There are two ways people die: when their heart stops (circulatory death) and when their brain dies (brain death). Both brain death and circulatory death are formal, legal definitions of death declared by hospital medical professionals and must be declared before donation is possible.



111 Hearts
(HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY)



98 Lungs
(HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY)



182 Livers
(HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY)



466 Kidneys
(HIGHEST IN OUR HISTORY)



17 Pancreata



4 Intestine

878 Total Organs Provided for Transplant
More lives saved than ever before!

Tissue Donation

556 Total Tissue Donors

69,500

Estimated Processed Tissue Grafts



Tissue Donation Rate

46%



Tissue Authorization Rate

61%



News Media &

LifeCenter Northwest had

41+ media outlets



run more than 71 stories about organ donation throughout our designated service area of AK, ID, MT, and WA

Community Relations & Donor Registry



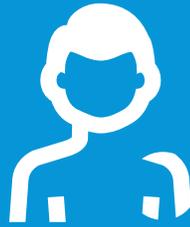
Organ Donation Rate

THE PERCENTAGE OF POTENTIAL DONORS WHO BECAME DONORS



Organ Authorization Rate

THE PERCENTAGE OF FAMILIES OR PATIENTS WHO AUTHORIZE DONATION



67,000+

students trained on donation through driver's education

New Donor Registrations:

WA: 241,058

(95% OF THESE REGISTRATIONS WERE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING)

MT: 28,286

(99% OF THESE REGISTRATIONS WERE THROUGH THE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPARTMENT)

14,095

Points of communication to donor families

448

Letters mailed between donor families and organ/tissue recipients

2,373

Personal phone calls to donor families to provide resources and healing

845

Donation Celebration attendees

874

Donor families served by our Aftercare team

242

Attended the Governor's Gift of Life Award ceremonies in WA and MT

Donation Stories



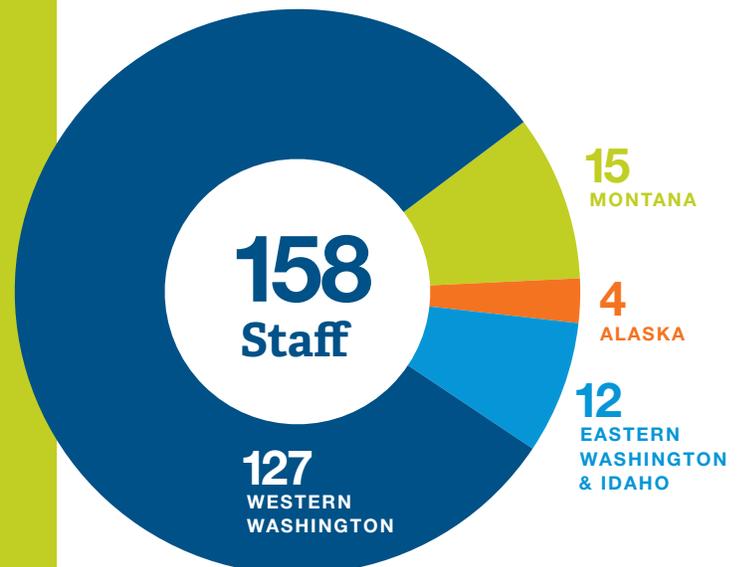
Washington: Bellingham Herald, Bothell Kenmore Reporter, Clark Fork Valley Press, Fox 1141, Greenfield Reporter, Kadlec On Call, KEPR-TV, KIMAtv, King5 News, KIRO TV, KOMO News, KXLY, MultiCare Leader News, Patch.com, Q13, Seattle Children's Blog, Seattle Public Radio, Spokesman Review, The Tacoma News Tribune, Thurston Talk, Tri-City Herald, Univision TV, West Seattle Blog, Yakima Herald

Montana: Benefis Health System Newsletter, Billings Gazette, Choteau Acantha, Daily Interlake, Kalispell Regional Hospital newsletter, KCAP Radio, KPAX, KRTV, KTVH, KTVQ, KULR8, NBC Montana, Shelby Promoter, The Missoulian

Idaho: The Coeur d'Alene Press, Idaho Press

Alaska: Mat-Su Valley Frontiers, KTVF

LifeCenter Northwest Team



2018 Hospital Awards

Every year, LifeCenter Northwest celebrates our hospital and community partners by recognizing their outstanding efforts that contributed to successful donation programs in the previous calendar year.

The **Donation Excellence Award** is presented to one hospital in our service area that has demonstrated impressive outcomes, strong and effective processes, and unwavering dedication to improving the lives of both donor families and transplant recipients. This year we honor:



Providence St. Patrick Hospital, in Missoula, Montana, demonstrates a level of support for donation that is admirable. This dedication is exhibited through the nursing staff who work tirelessly to ensure that every aspect of a donation case is positive, as well as, from the leadership team who integrates donation into the hospital culture. The staff continuously pursues new initiatives and procedures to improve their outcomes and continue to become more knowledgeable about the donation process

as a whole. Collaboration and communication are emphasized and their team is always willing to de-brief, review, and have conversations about process improvement and quality. As a direct result of their exceptional leadership and commitment to donation, St. Patrick had 10 organ donors last year resulting in 29 lives saved. Additionally, the hospital had an 83 percent donation rate and a 94 percent timely vented referral rate — one of the highest in our region for hospitals of their size.

Donation Champion Award

Scott Branch, DO

CONFLUENCE HEALTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON HOSPITAL, WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON



The Donation Champion Award is chosen from a pool of 2018 LifeSaver Award winners and is presented to one individual who demonstrates a commitment to improving donation outcomes and culture in their hospital through their actions, time, and energy.

Dr. Branch consistently shows an incredible amount of support for donation and there was one recent case in which he went above and beyond to support a patient and the donor family. As with all donation situations, this donor family was overwhelmed with emotions and grief. The donor had a child the same age as Dr. Branch's daughter at the time. This immediately created an undeniable bond and connection with the family, especially the donor's husband. After the donation took place, the family reached out to the hospital to express their appreciation for the exceptional care Dr. Branch exhibited and for his patience and willingness to answer questions to ensure they clearly understood everything that was happening.

Excellence in Community Partnership Award

Kendra Cristelli

**SUPPORT OFFICER COMMUNITY CARE,
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

The Excellence in Community Partnership Award is presented to one organization or individual in our service area who has demonstrated unwavering dedication to collaborating with LifeCenter Northwest to improve the lives of those in our community.

As Executive Director of Support Office Community Care in Bellingham, WA, Kendra's role is to impact and influence the quality of life for families experiencing tragedy and trauma in the area, and the First Responders who serve them. She works collaboratively with the LifeCenter Northwest team on cases involving the medical examiner to ensure donor families receive donor memory quilts with their loved one's handprints. Because administering the handprints on the quilts is not allowed until the medical examiner's investigation is complete, we would not be able to provide this meaningful service for donor families without Kendra's help.

Donation Innovation Award

Skagit Valley Hospital

MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON

The Donation Innovation Award is presented to one hospital that has demonstrated a commitment to careful evaluation of their organ donation processes and has taken specific steps to improve outcomes.

Over the past two years, Skagit Valley Hospital has made great strides to improve their donation knowledge, involvement, and outcomes. They began by bringing leadership representatives from the emergency department, ICU, and OR into quarterly meetings to discuss donation activity within those units. Informational material about how to keep the donation option open was utilized in the ICU, referral checkboxes were added to shift report sheets, and donation referrals became a regular topic on shift change huddles and multidisciplinary rounds. Last year, they sent staff to attend a Donation Leaders Training at LifeCenter Northwest to look deeper into the donation process and ways they could improve.

Skagit Valley Hospital examined multiple processes within their facility to identify ways to innovate and change procedures to continuously support donation. This focus and intention produced their highest numbers for both potential and actual donors last year and has helped Skagit Valley increase their timely vented referral rate from 47 to 86 percent in roughly 18 months.

Excellence in Improvement Award

Valley Medical Center

RENTON, WASHINGTON

Organ donation is a complex and heavily regulated process, and it's difficult to excel in every area. We are humbled by our hospital partners continuous effort towards process improvement. This award honors the hospitals that made the largest gains in compliance metrics in the last year.

Over the past three years, Valley Medical Center has placed an emphasis on donation training and education and focused on building a culture around donation at their facility. The knowledge, understanding, and commitment to donation has been demonstrated on various occasions in which the nursing staff went above and beyond to ensure that donation remained a viable option for patients and their families. This dedication brought vast improvements to their donation program in the last year, including an 81 percent conversion rate increase, a 35 percent increase in timely vented referral rate, and a 20 percent planned conversation rate increase.

Gift of Life Award

Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

There are many aspects of a patient's clinical course that impact the number of organs recovered for transplant. We know the heroic efforts made to save a patient's life will also be beneficial to a donation outcome. This award honors both the life-saving work that occurs before donation and the collaborative care during the donation process.

In a mostly rural state with no transplant center, Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital, a Level III trauma center, is making an impact on the number of lives saved through organ donation. In 2018, Bozeman Health facilitated two organ donors, whom were able to provide 13 life-saving organs for transplant. The care given to each patient and the logistical support provided to ensure organ donation can happen at this hospital are impressive and worth celebrating. This demonstrates the huge impact a hospital can have, regardless of donor potential.

Donation Referral Achievement Award

Timely referrals have a significant impact on donation outcomes. One of the most important steps in donation is recognizing that a patient has met referral criteria and making the referral call in a timely manner. Achieving and maintaining a high timely referral rate is incredibly challenging and requires a strong commitment. This award is presented to the following for reaching or exceeding a referral rate of 90 percent for organ donation and 95 percent for tissue donation.

Organ Donation

Benefis Health System
Billings Clinic
Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital
Community Medical Center
Harborview Medical Center
Harrison Medical Center, Bremerton
Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Kootenai Health
MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
MultiCare Valley Hospital
Overlake Medical Center
Providence St. Patrick Hospital
St. Francis Hospital
St. Peter's Health
St. Vincent Healthcare
Virginia Mason Medical Center
Virginia Mason Memorial

Tissue Donation

Advanced Care Hospital of Montana
Benefis Health System
Central Montana Medical Center
Dahl Memorial Healthcare
Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center
Franciscan Hospice House
Kootenai Health
Marias Medical Center
Montana VA Health Care System
MultiCare at Home
North Valley Hospital
Northeast Montana Health Services
Northern Idaho Advanced Care Hospital
Peace Hospice of Montana
PeaceHealth Peace Island Medical Center
Phillips County Hospital
Providence Holy Family Hospital
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center
Regional Hospital
Ruby Valley Hospital
St. Elizabeth Hospital
St. James Healthcare
St. Peter's Health
Stillwater Billings Clinic
The HealthCenter

Organ Donation Achievement Award

Hospitals with high donation rates often excel at recognizing donation referral criteria and making timely calls, maintaining the opportunity for donation, and collaborating with LifeCenter Northwest for planned donation discussions. Achieving a high donation rate requires a sustained commitment to ensuring every donation opportunity is realized. This award is presented to the following for reaching or exceeding a 75 percent donation rate:

Alaska Regional Hospital
Community Medical Center
Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
Northwest Hospital & Medical Center
PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
Providence Holy Family Hospital
Providence St. Patrick Hospital
St. James Healthcare
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Swedish Medical Center, Edmonds
Swedish Medical Center, First Hill
Swedish Medical Center, Issaquah

Tissue Donation Achievement Award

Many factors impact tissue donation, including timely referrals, logistics, community education, and outreach. Hospital staff play an integral part in the process, and the average U.S. donation rate is around 50 percent. This award is presented to the following for reaching or exceeding 60 percent:

Community Hospital of Anaconda
Gritman Medical Center
Holy Rosary Healthcare
Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Mineral Community Hospital
North Valley Hospital
Providence Mount Carmel Hospital
St. Anthony Hospital
St. Luke Community Healthcare
The HealthCenter

Collaboration Achievement Award

Organ donation cannot happen without the collaboration and teamwork between hospital and LifeCenter Northwest staff. One of the most important areas for collaboration is when the time comes for the family conversation regarding donation. This award honors our hospital partners that excel in the area of planning a collaborative family conversation with LifeCenter Northwest.

This award is presented to the following for reaching or exceeding a 90 percent collaborative request rate:

Alaska Native Medical Center
Astria Regional Medical Center
Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital
Capital Medical Center
Community Medical Center
EvergreenHealth
Highline Medical Center
Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Mason General Hospital
MultiCare Auburn Medical Center
MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital
Northwest Hospital & Medical Center
Olympic Medical Center

Providence Holy Family Hospital
Providence St. Patrick Hospital
Skagit Valley Hospital
St. Clare Hospital
St. Francis Hospital
St. Joseph Medical Center
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
Swedish Medical Center, First Hill
Swedish Medical Center, Issaquah
University of Washington Medical Center
Valley Medical Center
Virginia Mason Medical Center

Dori Rosenberg

LUNG RECIPIENT

Seattle, Washington

University of Washington Medical Center



Despite being born with cystic fibrosis, a genetic, life-threatening disease that damages the lungs and impacts breathing, Dori Rosenberg's health had always been relatively stable. She was in her thirties, happily balancing a fulfilling career and an active social life when one summer day she began having trouble catching her breath.

The incident landed Dori in the hospital. Her busy and active lifestyle suddenly became much more restricted as she spent each day tethered to an oxygen machine. Though her physical health was declining, her family and friends helped her maintain a feeling of community with daily visits and unwavering support.

By August, Dori was listed for a transplant and told that the average wait period for new lungs could be about nine months. Luckily, her wait was much shorter. She received her life-saving transplant in mid-December and still remembers the amazing feeling of being "re-born with new lungs" and, for the first time in a while, not struggling to breath.



Dori has since met the family of her donor, Kelly Donovan, a 30-year old ultimate Frisbee coach in Seattle. She cherishes the opportunity to learn more about her donor and the interests the two women shared. Thanks to Kelly's selfless gift, Dori was able to travel the world and celebrate another birthday this past November.



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