

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

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

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## Did You Know?

New nerve transplantation technology now offers women who have endured a mastectomy and suffer from nerve damage the potential to restore breast sensation. Thanks to the generosity of nerve donors and the new technology, women are being given another choice to consider when choosing breast reconstruction options. To learn more about this new technology, [click here.](#)

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## Annual Hospital Award Highlight: Donation Excellence Award, Providence St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula, Montana

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.



**Providence St. Patrick Hospital** 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 processes 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 debrief, 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.

St. Patrick will be formally presented their award later this summer during the annual LifeCenter/hospital leadership meeting. We are honored to work with their teams to save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation.

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## LifeSaver Series: Kim Revels, RN, Alaska Regional Hospital

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,

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## CEU Opportunities

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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!

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### Current job openings at LifeCenter Northwest:

#### Anchorage, AK

[Organ Recovery Coordinator](#)

#### Bellevue, WA

[Dev Ops Engineer](#)

[Director, Clinical and Family  
Services](#)

[Hospital Development  
Coordinator](#)

[Hospital Development  
Program Manager](#)

[Human Resources Business  
Partner](#)

[Human Resources Director](#)

[Instructional Designer](#)

[Organ Recovery Coordinator](#)

[Tissue Recovery Coordinator](#)

time, and energy. We are proud to announce this month's LifeSaver Award winner, Kim Revels, RN, Alaska Regional Hospital.



In donation, support from the care team is a key element to success. Recently, House Supervisor Kim Revel has made an

incredible difference in our efforts to support donation at **Alaska Regional Hospital**. Kim has always been a donor advocate for organ donation. She proactively collaborates with our team, schedules testing procedures as needed, and facilitates any last-minute requests to move a case along.

Donation in Alaska presents many challenges due to the remote location. On a recent donation case, the family of the donor wanted donation but also for the process to move quickly. Due to flight restrictions for the LifeCenter surgical team, kidney transportation, as well as the family request for a quick turnaround, LifeCenter had a very tight window for recovery. This posed a number of challenges for the Alaska Regional OR, PACU, and physician team. During all of this, Kim took the reins and assisted with all the logistical challenges. Even when it appeared that the timing might not work and ultimately would have to be changed, she smiled and said, "It is all going to work out."

Kim consistently finds solutions for LifeCenter with no complaints and a positive attitude. On this particular case, Kim managed to help facilitate a private withdrawal space for family, OR time, and locate a needed physician in a very short time. Without Kim, donation may not have been possible for this family. We appreciate Kim's support and involvement. With her help, two lives were saved through the gift of organ donation!

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

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## LifeCenter Welcomes MultiCare Valley

**Missoula, MT**  
Organ Recovery Coordinator

**Spokane, WA**  
Donation and Family Advocate

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## 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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## Hospital as Tissue Recovery Partner

LifeCenter would like to welcome **MultiCare Valley Hospital** as our newest tissue recovery partner.

MultiCare Valley Hospital located in Spokane, Washington, is a 123-bed acute care facility and Level III trauma care center. The



hospital offers inpatient and outpatient care, diagnostic imaging, medical, surgical and emergency services. Valley Hospital recently joined the MultiCare Health System family and serves alongside MultiCare Deaconess and MultiCare Rockwood Clinic to provide quality and community focused healthcare to Spokane and the surrounding areas.

LifeCenter would like to thank MultiCare Valley Hospital for partnering with us for tissue recovery. We look forward to continuing and growing the great work of saving and healing lives through organ and tissue donation.

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## Celebrating the Gift of Life at Washington's State Capitol in Olympia



Earlier this month, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, Pacific Northwest Tissue Bank, and LifeCenter Northwest hosted families of organ donors who gave the gift of life in 2018 at the state capitol in Olympia. Families who attended were honored in a ceremony that included a special presentation from the governor, a reading of the 122 organ donors names in 2018, a moment of silence, and a rose dedication with special messages from family members to their

loved ones who donated. Each family was also invited to attend a lunch reception and meet state representatives from their districts, as well as connect with other donor families.

To learn more about this special event, see the KOMO News feature [here](#).

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## LifeCenter Receives Gold Award for Recovery Excellence from CryoLife

LifeCenter was recently awarded the **CryoLife** Gold Award for recovery excellence in 2018.



The award is presented to recovery partners who are evaluated in nine different categories in order to be

recognized for the award. The categories include the following:

- Total Donors recovered
- Total Hearts recovered
- Aortic Valve Recovery Error (evaluating for low error rates)
- Pulmonary Valve Recovery Error (evaluating for low error rates)
- Aortoiliac Recovery Error (evaluating for low error rates)
- Saphenous Vein Recovery Error (evaluating for low error rates)
- Femoral Vein Recovery Error (evaluating for low error rates)
- Percentage of donors with Nonconformances (evaluating for conformance)
- Total Chart Turn Around Time

LifeCenter continuously strives to collaborate with our processing partners to improve our recovery processes to ensure we are serving as many people as possible through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Through our partnership with CryoLife, adult and pediatric patients with cardiac and vascular disease have restored health and lives saved through the gift of heart and vascular grafts.

***"We appreciate all the effort and time LifeCenter puts into being***

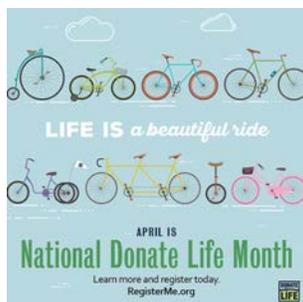
*a great CryoLife partner. Their accomplishments were reflected in receiving the Gold rank for 2018. We look forward to another year of great partnership with them in 2019!”* said Allyson McGinnis, Donor Service Account Manager at CryoLife.

LifeCenter is grateful for the recognition of our recovery efforts and is very proud of our tissue recovery teams. We look forward to another successful year partnering with CryoLife and helping and healing more people in our community.

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## National Donate Life Month Creating Awareness in Partner Hospitals



This month, hospitals all across the country are honoring organ, eye and tissue donors and recipients through various activities in celebration of National Donate Life Month.

Activities include raising the Donate Life flag in recognition of the heroes who offer the gift of life, setting up donation registration and educational tables in a high traffic area of the hospital, partnering with transplant centers, and celebrating milestone events such as the 1,000-transplant event at Seattle Children's Hospital. Other events taking place include running donation focused radio spot ads, the dedication of hospital donor walls, and celebrating Blue and Green Day where staff sport blue and green gear to show their support of organ, eye, and tissue donation. Check out a few photos we've received so far from our amazing hospitals!



Left to Right: Transplant recipients tell their stories at a MultiCare Good Samaritan Donate Life Flag raising ceremony. Cake and donation education being served at Capital Medical Center; Mason General Hospital has some fun with their Donate Life Month Flag raising; Valley Medical Center celebrates with a large crowd to help raise a flag in honor of the gift of life. Staff at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center pose with stuffed organs in a Donate Life Month themed photo booth; St. Vincent's Healthcare reveals a new honor wall that displays photos and stories in observance of local organ and tissue donors.

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## Stories of Hope

## Full circle: A humanitarian who dedicated her life to giving back helps other in death

“Every breath I take, I don’t do it alone. I do it with Meredith and her lungs. I do it with Myrt (Meredith’s mother) and her family. I do it with my family, with the surgeon and all the medical staff that helped me,” Leslie says. “So much love and melancholy went into this. I carry her with me everywhere, and it inspires me to be a better person.”

A beautiful **story** of how two women came together in life and death, tied together forever by donation.



### Carrie Dailey Tissue recipient

Carrie suffers from Ehlers Danlos Syndrome (EDS), a rare genetic disorder that causes severe discomfort that affects her ligaments and tendons. EDS forced Carrie to forfeit her dreams of becoming a nurse and was unable to play her beloved guitar. She couldn’t even give someone a simple hug. After three failed surgeries using her own tissue, Carrie’s surgeon used donated tissue to help repair both of her injured shoulders. As a result, Carrie now has full use of both arms, has regained her independence, and no longer feels defeated by her disorder.



*Carrie is now able to play her guitar again because of the generosity of her tissue donor.*





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