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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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Message from our CEO, Kevin O’Connor

We remain committed to our mission of working together to save lives through donation and transplantation, as we navigate this COVID-19 outbreak. Our clinical teams are continuing to pursue every opportunity to honor the wishes of donors and their families to pass on the gift of life to those in need.

While certain surgical procedures are being suspended, CMS has determined that transplants are not elective surgeries and fall into tier 3b with an ACTION ‘Do not postpone’, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designates organ and tissue donation as an essential healthcare function in Emergency Support Function #8.

Our staff are following all CDC recommendations and continuing to follow all individual hospital protocols to ensure everyone’s safety.

We appreciate your continued support of our life saving work.

- Kevin O’Connor, President and CEO of LifeCenter Northwest

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April is National Donate Life Month
With the ongoing spread of COVID-19 and the incredible speed at which things are changing around us, Donate Life America is encouraging the public and the donation and transplantation community to cancel all in-person events for National Donate Life Month in April. Our priority is the safety and health of both the public and professional Donate Life communities. In accordance with the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we ask that everyone take this action to help slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

We will be taking an online approach for April Donate Life Month observances. Please connect with us on social at LifeCenter Northwest and Donate Life America to help us honor donors, recipients, and their families and caregivers. We will also be recognizing the clinical teams continuing their dedicated work during this time to help honor the gift of donation and save the lives of those waiting for a second chance at life. Here are some online resources to plan your marketing for April.

Thank you all for being partners in saving lives and helping make organ, eye and tissue donation possible.

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LifeSaver Series: Cody Doane, BSRN, Benefis Health System

Each month, LifeCenter Northwest selects a Lifesaver Award winner. This award honors and recognizes those who demonstrate a commitment to improving donation outcomes and culture through their actions, time, and energy. We are proud to announce Cody Doane, BSRN from Benefis Health System as our latest LifeSaver Award winner.

LifeCenter was working with a donor’s family and facing some challenges. Cody was able to personally talk with the family to help address many of their concerns regarding organ donation. Cody did a great job of listening to the family and he went on to share how he viewed donation as an act of generosity and an amazing way to help others in this sad circumstance. This made a big impact on the family and eventually led to the family being supportive of the donation process. Furthermore, the family expressed thankfulness and gratitude when hearing about all the people’s lives that would be saved due to their loved one being a donor.

Thank you, Cody, for being a true donation champion.
Story of Hope

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- Lindsey, tissue recipient

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