

## News of Note

### A Stitch in Time...



Memorialize your loved one, honor your donor, or celebrate a transplant by making a square for Donate Life Northwest's eleventh [Threads of Life quilt](#). Proving that a picture really is worth a thousand words, these beautiful creations compellingly share the impact and importance of organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation. They are viewed by thousands of people annually across the Pacific Northwest and attend anniversaries, weddings and reunions for years to come.

Due date to receive squares and accompanying stories and photos is January 31, 2009. The new quilt will be unveiled in April, National Donate Life Month, and then will begin travelling to inspire people to sign up on the donor registry. Square construction guidelines are at [View submission guidelines](#) and to view previous quilts.

### Falling Leaves

Fall with its spectacular display of changing colors does not mean leaving at Donate Life Northwest. The leaves of our tree are just dropping into different offices.

As Sara Lewis moves into the Finance Office, recently vacated by retiring Karen Embler, Maureen Cahill joins our staff as Program Coordinator: Volunteers and Special Projects. Sara will continue to employ her Spanish-speaking skills part time to recruit and train Latino volunteers for our Hispanic Outreach pilot program.

Maureen is a graduate of University of Portland and brings three years' experience with Make-A-Wish Foundation, managing two regions in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her strengths in volunteer coordination, developing relationships and partnerships, and working both independently and as a team member to support a mission make Maureen a valuable addition to our dynamic team. We're excited to add her to our organizational tree.

### National Donor Sabbath: It's About Life

In just a few minutes, you can change of lives of countless people. Donation and transplantation isn't about just two people. It's about two people and everyone in their extended worlds.

The gift of organ, eye and tissue donation and the miracles of transplantation are the focus of National Donor Sabbath, an annual interfaith celebration of these gifts and miracles, on November 7th – 9th.

Reach out to your faith leader and congregation to include National Donor Sabbath on their calendar Nov. 7th – 9th or anytime in November, December or January. Donate Life Northwest can offer many options to support their message, including personal stories, still the most powerful means of conveying the relevance of signing up to be a donor.

Please encourage your pastor, minister, priest or rabbi to help your congregational members make an informed decision about signing up on the donor registry. Contact [trujillo@ohsu.edu](mailto:trujillo@ohsu.edu) for more information.



Give thanks. Give life.

## Dollars & Sense

### Seeking Table Captains for Lifesavers Breakfast:



Donate Life Northwest's [Lifesavers Breakfast](#) is on October 23rd at the [Oregon Convention Center](#). The goal for this year's breakfast is to host 600 guests and raise \$160,000 to support our mission and lifesaving educational programs. But we need the help of table captains to reach this goal. We rely on their personal touch to invite 10 or more guests to attend. A social hour will take place from 6:30-7:30am, when table captains meet and greet their table. The one-hour event will begin promptly at 7:30am.

The [speakers](#) at this year's Lifesavers Breakfast are kidney recipient, Annamarie Ausnes, and her living kidney donor and Starbucks barista, Sandie Andersen

Sandie and Annamarie only knew each other through Annamarie's long-time patronage of the Starbucks where Sandie works as a barista. In the fall of 2007, Sandie learned through a casual conversation in line that Annamarie needed a kidney transplant. Since Annamarie's husband and children were not matches, she was facing a future on dialysis while she waited on a transplant list with the other 70,000 people in need of kidneys. Sandie did not hesitate to take a blood test to see if she was a match for her customer and friend. Sandie was a 5-for-5 perfect match, and she donated her left kidney to Annamarie in

March 2008.

**Become a table captain today** and help Donate Life Northwest spread the word about the need for organ, eye and tissue donation, and the effects of our lifesaving work. Invite your friends, colleagues, and business associates to hear this inspirational story of two every-day women who have both enjoyed the benefits of selfless giving. Contributions from the event support Donate Life Northwest's lifesaving educational programs, like Student Voices and Hispanic Outreach.

To become a table captain, to reserve your seats, or for more information about the event, please contact Susan Chrzanowski at [chrzanow@ohsu.edu](mailto:chrzanow@ohsu.edu) or 503.494.7888

Our \$1,000 table [sponsorship](#) is a great way for businesses and corporations to be recognized for their support, receive table top signage, and favorable table placement, while getting us even closer to our fundraising goals. If you think your employer might be interested in sponsoring a table at the breakfast, please contact Brittany at 503.494.2289 or [gosselib@ohsu.edu](mailto:gosselib@ohsu.edu)

## Executive Branch

### Donate Life NW's Board of Directors Elects 2008/2009 Officers

Chair: Jon Levine, UBS Financial Services

Vice Chair: John Stevens, OnPoint Credit Union

Treasurer: Art Ricchiuti, Retired, Goodyear Tire

Secretary: Katie O'Neill, Legacy Health System

Member at Large: Eric Brown, YWCA

### Welcoming New Faces to the Board

We are happy and proud to welcome three new members to our board. They will be with us for a three year term.

**David Bledsoe:** Partner, Perkins Coie, Portland

David has practice law for 23 years and focuses on commercial litigation. During his term he expects to use his past nonprofit board experience to make contributions to a cause he deeply believes in. David will serve on the Finance Committee. He is an active tennis player and enjoys music.

**David Bone:** Funeral Director, Restlawn Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, Salem

Dave has spent 18 years in the funeral industry where he has the opportunity to support families whose loved ones become organ, eye and tissue donors. He has a strong passion for the mission of Donate Life Northwest since his wife, Darcey, was on staff for nine years. Dave will serve on the Fund Development Committee. When he's not chasing his two-year old twins, Dave enjoys playing the drums and golf when he gets the chance.

**Mike Murphy:** Sales Manager, Express Employment Professionals, Eugene

Mike spent over 20 years in financial services before becoming involved in a family business. His license has indicated donor for many, many years and only recently did he learn about volunteer opportunities with Donate Life Northwest. Mike will chair of the Fund Development Committee. His current interest is being a proud and involved grandfather of an 18 month-old granddaughter.

## Volunteers in Action

### Fall Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the volunteer opportunities section!! Please take a look at the upcoming opportunities by clicking on the link below. Maureen Cahill is our new Coordinator of Volunteers, so be sure to let her know if you are interested in volunteering. We are in full swing this fall with Discover OHSU, High School Blood Drives with American Red Cross and In-class Presentations. We need your help to fill all these events! [Check them out!](#)

### "Thanks for Asking" - Let's Make It Relevant

Why DMV is important and relevant to us: 98% of people who sign up to be donors do so at their motor vehicle department. **Help make our mission more relevant to DMV!**

As our annual "Thanks for Asking" gift to all 72 Oregon DMV field offices, Donate Life Northwest would like to send a "coffee table book" of personal stories for their employee break room along with a personalized thank you card, a best practice borrowed from Ohio. Here's how to contribute:

Pull some heart strings with a powerful and compelling short story, maximum 500 words, about how organ, eye and tissue donation or transplantation has changed your life and the lives of those around you. Include a photo if you like. Sign your story with your first name (and last if you're okay with that) and name of your town. As with stories for the quilt scrapbook, yours may be edited for space constraints. (The English teacher in me never fails to surface!)

Send your story to [trujillo@ohsu.edu](mailto:trujillo@ohsu.edu) or PO Box 532, Portland, OR 97207, Attn: Judith Trujillo. Stories will be accepted through Monday, December 1st. We look forward to hearing from you and KNOW we can touch the hearts and minds of Oregon's DMV customer service employees. Thank you.

### Calling All Transplant Recipients!

Do you have some great "before and after" photos of your transplant? We may be able to use them to educate high school students about donation. Please send them to Kelly at [orourkek@ohsu.edu](mailto:orourkek@ohsu.edu) or mail them to:

Donate Life Northwest, PO Box 532, Portland, OR 97207

*\*\*Electronic copies are preferred. \*\**

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Check out some  
videofootage of the  
2008 U.S.  
Transplant Games  
on YouTube.com

### Stars of the Month



**August:** Donate Life Northwest is pleased to announce Gene Mask as our August 2008 Star of the Month. Gene, a liver recipient from Longview, WA, shone brightly as a volunteer star during our August Bovine & Wine event. His enthusiasm, humor, and commitment to the cause translated into outstanding raffle ticket sales, far surpassing our goals and expectations for the raffle. Throughout the evening Gene could be heard calling out "Last 5 tickets. Don't miss out!" We're not sure exactly how many "Last 5 tickets" Gene sold, but we estimate that well over half the tickets sold that night came from Gene.

We wish to recognize Gene for his commitment to Donate Life Northwest. It is such a pleasure to work alongside someone with such a big heart, wonderful sense of humor and passion for the lifesaving work that we do. We are incredibly fortunate to have him as part of our team. Thank you Gene, for all that you do!

**September:** Hats off and heartfelt thanks to Kathy Greenwood, Donate Life Northwest Star for September 2008!

A donor mom who is very committed to the Donate Life mission, Kathy has worked with Donate Life Northwest for more than 10 years, volunteering in many capacities, especially in her home community in southwestern Oregon. The last two years Kathy eagerly and capably served as Regional Volunteer Coordinator for the Medford area, taking on added responsibilities to recruit, train and coordinate volunteers and helping identify events and venues to increase donor registry sign ups. Her optimism, sense of humor, and devotion to family and mission set the bar for Star of the Month. Thanks so much, Kathy.