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Hope Rises Across Oklahoma

LifeShare Celebrates Donate Life Month

OKLAHOMA CITY (April 1, 2022) – This month, hope is rising across the state for those awaiting a lifesaving transplant. Each April, LifeShare of Oklahoma celebrates Donate Life Month, an observance to focus attention on the need for and importance of organ, eye and tissue donation. The celebration is about the importance of registering your decision to be a donor and honoring deceased and living donors – recognizing that the generosity of donors makes saving lives through transplantation possible.

LifeShare is the organ procurement organization in Oklahoma responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant.

More than 106,000 people across the country are currently waiting on a lifesaving transplant, and 650 of those are waiting here in Oklahoma. Thousands more wait for lifesaving and healing tissue transplants. Only 3 in 1,000 people die in a way that allows for organ donation to take place, so it is vitally important for everyone to register their lifesaving decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

“Last year, LifeShare was able to provide 583 lifesaving organs for transplant through organ donation, which is more lifesaving gifts than ever before from selfless individuals and families in Oklahoma,” said Jeffrey Orłowski, President and Chief Executive Officer of LifeShare. “While Donate Life Month exists as an opportunity to honor our heroic donors and celebrate the lives that were saved, it’s also a time to remember that 650 Oklahomans await a lifesaving transplant. We hope residents of the state will join us in raising awareness about donation.”

The 2022 Donate Life Month artwork was inspired by a hot air balloon. The idyllic sight of a clear sky filled with multitudes of colorful balloons reminds us to celebrate donors, who are the true heroes of donation and offer life and hope to recipients and their families. When just one person registers to be a donor, it gives hope and lifts the spirits of those waiting on lifesaving gifts!

Let hope rise and save lives by registering your decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor at RegisterMe.org/LifeShareOK or your local tag agency.

About LifeShare

LifeShare is a nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) dedicated to the recovery of organs and tissue for transplant purposes. We work closely with three transplant centers and 145 healthcare organizations in the state of Oklahoma to facilitate donation. Additionally, we strive to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education.

For more information about LifeShare, please visit www.LifeShareOK.org.