



LifeCenter  
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**THE GIFT OF LIFE**  
**Living Long and Living On**

Terry Murphy with a photo of her sister Mary, left, who became an organ donor at age 78



## Santokh Gill

PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LIFECENTER NORTHWEST

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Every life saved through organ and tissue donation begins with an act of profound generosity — a family, in one of the hardest moments imaginable, choosing to give. In 2025, that generosity reached a new high, and so did our impact.

In 2025, LifeCenter Northwest supported 446 organ donor heroes in giving the gift of life. Their generosity made possible 1,318 life-saving transplants — the most in our organization's history and a 106% increase

over the past decade. Behind every one of those transplants is a team that refused to give up, going to extraordinary lengths to honor every donor and maximize every gift.

Beyond organ donation, 487 donors contributed tissues such as bones, heart valves, skin and blood vessels in 2025. These vital tissue donations will repair faulty heart valves in children, aid in healing burn victims, provide reconstructive surgery for mastectomy patients, and so much more.

We also walk alongside the families at the center of this work. Our Donor Family Aftercare team provided bereavement support to 1,170 new families in 2025, more than ever before, offering counseling, solace, and celebration of their loved ones through storytelling and remembrance events.

What drives all of us at LifeCenter Northwest was put beautifully into words by a group of firefighters in Lacey, Wash., who helped extend the life of a patient who later became an organ donor. They wrote: "Without the organ donor, there is no story, no hope, no transplant. But when there is an organ donor, life springs from death, sorrow turns to hope, and terrible loss becomes a gift."

That is the heart of what we do. In every community across Alaska, Montana, North Idaho and Washington, we are privileged to help transform unimaginable loss into lasting legacy.

We remain relentlessly driven to save more lives, and deeply grateful to every donor, family, and partner organization who makes that possible.

Sincerely,

Santokh Gill

SERVING ALASKA, MONTANA, NORTH IDAHO AND WASHINGTON

## Mission

Working together to save lives through organ and tissue donation

## Vision

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.

## Values

Our values guide our behaviors, practices and interactions with each other and our stakeholders:

### Collaboration

### Integrity

### Courage

### Service

LifeCenter Northwest is one of 55 federally designated and nonprofit organ procurement organizations in the United States. We work together with families, medical professionals, and communities in Alaska, Montana, North Idaho and Washington to save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation.

Cover photo by Pete Saloutos

## Our Relentless Efforts to Save More Lives

At LifeCenter Northwest, the mission is simple but not easy: save more lives. That urgency shapes every decision we make and impacts every mile an organ travels.

In September 2025, one donated liver traveled more than 3,500 nautical miles and spent 20 hours on a high-tech perfusion device. Throughout the process, our allocation team coordinated closely with transplant centers nationwide, ensuring every opportunity was pursued.

Because of the collective efforts of our OPO — from coordination and logistics to clinical oversight and communication — a suitable recipient was identified. The liver was successfully transplanted, and a life was saved.

Dr. Guiseppe D'Amico, a transplant partner whose patient received the liver, puts it plainly:

"One out of five people on the waiting list dies because they become too sick to receive a liver transplant," he says. "We must consider every single liver possible to reduce waitlist mortality."

That mindset drives our growing use of Normothermic Regional Perfusion (NRP), an innovative preservation technique that expands the pool of viable organs. Since our first NRP case in late 2024 through March of 2026, 23 NRP donors have successfully donated 66 life-saving organs. In many of these cases, recovery and transplant would not have been possible without NRP.

We're also investing in the people who make this work possible. Our new virtual reality simulation program allows clinical staff to train inside

a fully equipped virtual ICU — complete with an intubated "donor," ventilator, IV pumps, hemodynamic monitor and Electronic Medical Record (EMR) tablet. Team members across our region can enter the same ICU room, practice complex scenarios and strengthen their skills anytime.

We're also expanding what's possible when it comes to donor age.

"There is no age limit to be an organ donor," says Candy Wells, VP of Donation Operations & Organ Utilization at LifeCenter Northwest. "While not every organ is appropriate for every patient, it's critical that we consider every opportunity to save lives and advocate for every patient on the waiting list."

From 2019 to 2023, LifeCenter saw 75 total donors (an average of 15 per year) who were 65 years old or older. In just the last two years, however, a remarkable 88 LifeCenter donors in this age range (an average of 44 per year) have donated a total of 117 life-saving organs for transplant — this is nearly a 200% increase in donation from older donors.

We go above and beyond to save lives and honor donors. Those on the waiting list deserve nothing less.



LifeCenter's clinical staff now use VR technology to train inside virtual ICU rooms.

### FROM THE COVER:

## After a Life of Service, 78-year-old Former Nun Becomes an Organ Donor



Mary Murphy, center, with her six children

At the age of 18, Mary Murphy left her parents and five siblings to become a Marist nun, modeling her life after Mother Mary and devoting her life to the care for others. As fate would have

it, she had to leave the convent 10 months after she started to return home to care for her siblings when her mother fell ill.

While Mary never returned to the order, she went on to have a remarkable life of service in the model of her namesake. Her sister, Terry Murphy, said she embodied Mother Mary through and through. "She was always taking care of other people."

Mary married a former seminarian and raised six children, among them two adopted children: a baby with sickle-cell anemia and a toddler orphaned during the Vietnam War. She worked a 10-acre property in Washington's Palouse, took in and sponsored a Vietnamese refugee family of 11 (eventually giving them a quarter acre of land to build a house). She was divorced from her husband in her 40s, and became a lawyer focused on protecting women and children, often pro-bono. She joined the Peace Corps in her 60s and learned French to serve in Senegal.

At 78, after suffering from a stroke while having lunch at a Buddhist abbey where she was a member, she became an organ donor, saving the lives of three people.

"That's Mary," said her sister Terry Murphy, who considered Mary her best friend. "I had thought she was too old, but everything about Mary was about helping people." *continued on page 8*

## New Collaborative Events Spur Transplant Growth



LifeCenter Northwest held the Pacific Northwest's first-ever Transplant Growth Collaboration (TGC) event in February of 2025, and hosted a second event in early 2026. Representatives from Washington and Oregon transplant centers, LifeCenter staff, hospital leaders and national transplant growth leaders all gathered at these TGC events to share ideas and take action to maximize the gift of life for patients in need.

These TGC events are part of a larger movement called the National Community Partnership for Donation and Transplant Growth (NCPG) — a national grassroots initiative bringing together transplant centers, hospitals and organ procurement organizations like LifeCenter. This movement is making a difference!

Across the Pacific Northwest, organ transplant volumes grew significantly from 2024 to 2025, as outlined in the table above. That growth is a testament to the collective efforts of transplant centers, donor hospitals and the broader donation community — and the momentum has continued into 2026!

### Organs Transplanted from LifeCenter Donors

CENTER	ORGAN	2024	2025	% CHANGE
OR Good Sam*	Kidney	17	31	82%
OHSU**	Kidney	39	48	23%
OHSU**	Liver	38	47	24%
Sacred Heart***	Kidney	32	43	34%
Swedish	Kidney	69	87	26%
Swedish	Liver	44	87	97%
VMFH	Kidney	41	57	39%
UW Medicine	Lung	44	55	25%

\*Oregon Legacy Good Samaritan  
 \*\*Oregon Health & Science University  
 \*\*\*Providence Sacred Heart

Data from other TGC events show that, on average, participating transplant centers have achieved up to 12% year-over-year growth in deceased donor transplants within six months of an event, outperforming national averages.

Survey responses from our TGC attendees have echoed the enthusiasm felt in the room during these events, with participants highlighting the value of cross-program collaboration and the inspiration they took from the speakers and each other.

"When we unite around bold goals and commit to the organized spread of proven practices, we can achieve results that once seemed impossible," said Dennis Wagner, a NCPG team member and healthcare quality improvement leader who helped organize LifeCenter's TGC events. "This is the right work at exactly the right time."

## Washington Lawmakers Approve License Plate to Save Lives

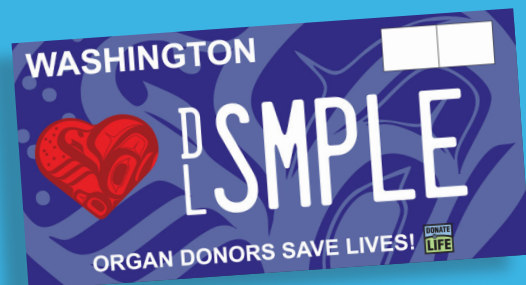
LifeCenter Northwest's work with legislators helped turn an idea from our donor family and recipient communities into meaningful legislation: a Donate Life specialty license plate designed to raise awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation across Washington state. As part of ongoing outreach with state and federal lawmakers, we partnered with the office of Washington state Sen. Keith Goehner to advance this legislation and encourage more people to register as organ donors.

The license plate legislation passed in May 2025 and

signature gathering is currently underway to demonstrate public support. Once available, proceeds from plate sales will fund statewide public education and community outreach efforts focused on the life-saving impact of donation.

The design itself reflects the heart of the mission. Created by lung transplant recipient Brendan Morrison of Wenatchee, Wash., the design is inspired by the Salmon Heart originally created for LifeCenter Northwest by Tlingit artist Nick Alan Foote. The salmon carries deep cultural meaning, symbolizing the cyclical nature of life, renewal, and the interconnected relationship between people and the natural world — a metaphor for donation as a community lifeline.

Scan the QR code to support the Donate Life License plate!



## Licensing Partners Help Drive Donation Registration

More than 90% of people surveyed in the U.S. registered their donation decision by "checking the box" while getting their driver's license or ID at their state's local motor vehicle licensing office.

That's why we're grateful to our partners at the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL), and the Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD), whose staff help residents register their decision to become an organ, eye and tissue donor in the state registries managed by LifeCenter Northwest.

In addition, these agencies send out leaflets about organ donation to every person who gets a driver's license by mail — nearly 2.5 million people in 2025! Each leaflet has a QR code to the LifeCenter Northwest website, where donation information is translated into more than 130 languages.



Leaflets distributed in Montana: **291,155**  
 Leaflets distributed in Washington: **2,095,282**  
 Washington driver's ed students who received instruction on donation in 2025: **66,984**

## CENTERING TRUSTED VOICES Media Partnership Addresses Kidney Disease in Black Communities

LifeCenter Northwest partnered with Converge Media, a Black-owned and operated media company known for telling stories that matter to the community, to produce a culturally grounded video focused on kidney disease prevention and organ donation. The project was part of a broader media placement strategy designed to reach multicultural audiences by centering real stories and trusted voices.

The video features senior pastor and two-time kidney recipient LaMont Williams, whose journey with kidney disease reflects both



LaMont Williams and his family

hardship and resilience. His story helps educate viewers — predominantly people of color who are at higher risk — about the often-silent dangers of kidney disease, while also highlighting the life-saving impact of organ donation.

In addition to LaMont's story of faith and perseverance, the segment includes LifeCenter Northwest CEO Santokh Gill, who speaks to the importance of diversity in organ donation and encourages people to talk with their families about their decision to become donors.

The video also features nephrologist Dr. Andrew Brockenbrough of Valley Medical Center in Renton, Wash., whose clinical expertise and compassion for patients on dialysis add critical context. Connections made during production reinforced the urgency of the message: the Converge videographer personally knew several of Dr. Brockenbrough's patients, a reminder of the disproportionate impact of kidney disease on Black Americans.

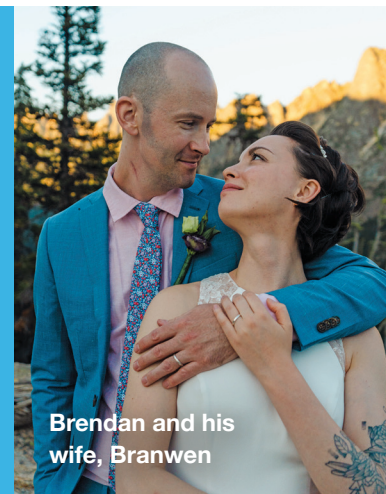
an active lifestyle, running and hiking became increasingly difficult.

After seeking care from lung specialists, answers were slow to come. Within months of his first symptoms, Brendan was relying on supplemental oxygen. By 2018, he had graduated from college, was on oxygen 24/7, and was listed for a lung transplant.

On May 15, 2019, Brendan received his life-saving gift. Today, he's back to doing what he loves — hiking, biking and rowing. He's also built a full life beyond recovery, meeting his partner, getting married and building a home together. Through his art, Brendan honors his donor and the gift that made it all possible.

### SPOTLIGHT

**BRENDAN MORRISON, LUNG RECIPIENT**  
 Wenatchee, Wash.



Brendan and his wife, Branwen

Brendan Morrison, now 29, grew up in Wenatchee where his entire life was built around spending time in the outdoors, from hiking to soccer to snowboarding and

everything in between. But in the summer of 2015, after his sophomore year at Western Washington University, he noticed something was wrong. Despite maintaining



# Providing Support to Organ and Tissue Donor Families is a Top Priority at LifeCenter Northwest



LifeCenter Northwest provides compassionate support to families during the donation process and up to 18 months afterward.

This support is essential for families like Jeannie Allenbach, whose 15-year-old daughter Mo became a donor. She called LifeCenter’s Family Support staff “her rock” during their time in the hospital. They comforted her, kept her updated on next steps in the donation process, and helped make Mo’s hand and footprints for her memorial quilt.

“There was just this gentleness, a compassion, a kindness that helped me get through it,” Jeannie said. “There’s everything you ever need to make sure you never felt alone.”

Afterward, our Donor Family Aftercare team provided grief support: “They’ve been there year after year. They never left my side and still haven’t.”

The Aftercare team provides follow-up support and resources to families as they navigate the grieving process. Families can receive phone calls, letters of support, information on how to connect with recipients, literature on grief, and attend online and in-person meetings with other families and special events.

Donor families tell us these services make them feel wrapped in support.

## 2025 Donor Family Aftercare, by the Numbers:

Quilts given since program inception .....**3,885+**

Families supported .....**1,170**

Phone calls made to/from donor families .....**2,751**

Letters sent to donor families .....**12,154**

### TOTAL TOUCHPOINTS

with donor families (calls, letters, texts).... **17,528**



## FROM THE COVER . . .

**Mary’s kidneys saved two men, ages 71 and 51, and her liver saved a 64-year-old woman.**

Older donors like Mary are vitally important to helping save lives among people of advanced age on the organ donation waiting list, especially those who need “better than dialysis” kidneys so they can return to a life away from the grueling routine of dialysis.

Mary was a donor at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash. All her children were able to be present, which was a kind of miracle, Laura said. They put her fingerprints on stones as keepsakes and made handprints on the quilt given to the family by LifeCenter Northwest.

She received last rites from a Catholic priest and a Buddhist monk.

“We had four beautiful days of talking to her, praying over her, and time to love her, to laugh, to cry and tell stories,” Terry said.

Since her passing, the family has received a letter from one of the recipients.

“We’ve heard from the man who received a kidney, and he has eight or nine grandchildren,” Laura said. “He shared what a gift that was. It’s pretty special that he gets to spend more time with his grandkids.”

Mary registered as an organ donor in the 1980s and was passionate about it, her daughter said.

“She gave so much of herself because that is where she found meaning in life,” Laura said. “She lived her life for others more than any person I’ve ever met.”

# Donation Gatherings Support Families and Connections

It’s important to celebrate the lives of organ, eye and tissue donors and the second chance they provide to recipients through their generous gifts.

We host two distinctly different and meaningful events across our region to honor donors, donor families and community members in Washington, Montana and Alaska who have a connection to donation.

## GOVERNOR’S GIFT OF LIFE AWARDS

We partner with the governors of Alaska, Washington and Montana to host an annual gathering for families recognizing the donors who gave the gift of life the prior year. The donor’s names are read aloud, and each family receives a certificate from the governor, honoring their loved one. This is a poignant event of remembrance, followed by lunch and fellowship.



## DONATION CELEBRATIONS

In late summer and early fall, we host annual Donation Celebrations in Spokane and Seattle, Wash., in Billings and Missoula, Mont., and in Anchorage, Alaska. People come together to honor and celebrate donors, share their stories, hear from grateful recipients, and see firsthand the widespread impact of organ, eye and tissue donation in their communities.

Grief can be a lonely journey, but these events make space for many of the feelings that can arise when one becomes a donor family member or an organ recipient.

## Dan Christ, Heart Recipient

COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO

### ‘I’m Alive Because Someone Checked the Box’

Heart transplant recipient Dan Christ knows firsthand how fragile life can be. Once an active triathlete, Dan’s health changed dramatically in 2020 after unexplained shortness of breath led to a diagnosis of cardiac sarcoidosis, a rare autoimmune disease affecting his heart. Despite medications, procedures and repeated hospitalizations over two years, his condition worsened and he needed a heart transplant. In August 2022, Dan was hospitalized full time.

He didn’t know it yet, but that’s where he would celebrate Christmas and his 50th birthday that year while waiting for a second chance.

Grateful to his donor and their family, Dan shared his story at our 2025 Spokane Donation Celebration event to offer hope and highlight the life-saving power of donation.



Dan, second from right, and his family

## Chantal Brommer, Donor Hero

SPOKANE, WASH.

### ‘This Gift Was Her Choice’

When Chantal Brommer received a terminal ALS diagnosis in 2021, she was determined to continue living life full throttle — as a passionate race-car driver, motorcycle-riding mom, wife, and friend, whose magnetic personality drew people in and built a community of love. When she passed, Chantal gave life to three people through organ donation.

Chantal was one of 361 Washington organ donors honored at the annual Governor’s Gift of Life ceremony at the Capitol building in Olympia, Wash. The families of each donor hero received a Gift of Life Award signed by Gov. Bob Ferguson, recognizing the rare and remarkable gifts of their loved ones.

For Chantal’s husband, Nick Brommer, the ceremony carried an even deeper meaning — it fell on what would have been their 25th wedding anniversary.

“This gift was her choice,” Nick shared. “She was very clear about that.”

Nick has connected with his late wife’s heart recipient, who is deeply grateful for the extra time Chantal’s gift has given them with their family.

“Organ donation gives purpose to something that really didn’t make sense at the time,” added Nick.



# We Have Strong and Growing Partnerships in Diverse Communities

Organ donation matters in every community, but there are important reasons it's especially critical in diverse communities. LifeCenter Northwest sponsors events to share information about the benefits of organ donation and transplantation to promote equity and access to lifesaving care.

Here's why:

**Better matches save more lives.** Genetic markers used for organ matching are often linked to ancestry. That means patients are more likely to find compatible donors within their own racial or ethnic background.

**Higher rates of certain diseases.** Some communities of color are disproportionately affected by conditions that can lead to organ failure — like diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. So the **need for transplants can be higher**, which makes representation in the donor pool even more important.

**Historical mistrust and access barriers.** Medical mistrust is real and rooted in history and lived experience. Language barriers, cultural beliefs, immigration concerns and lack of culturally relevant outreach can all impact registration rates. Honest, community-led education helps people make informed choices on their own terms.

**Cultural and spiritual perspectives matter.** Different cultures and faiths have unique views on the body, death and giving. When donation conversations are respectful of traditions — and led by trusted voices — communities are more likely to feel seen, respected and empowered to decide.

**Equity in the system.** A diverse donor registry helps make transplantation more equitable. Representation isn't just about numbers — it's about fairness, access, and making the system work for everyone.



In 2025 we partnered with diverse communities to share important information about organ, eye and tissue donation throughout our service area.



This includes the Alaska Federation of Natives Convention in Anchorage, and the First Nations Annual Spring Powwow at the University of Washington.



We also attended the Juneteenth event as well as the Revive Engagement Community Resource Fair in Renton, Wash., and UW Hockey and PrideFest in Seattle, Wash., to name just a few!



## 2025 LifeSaver Award Winners

At LifeCenter Northwest, collaborating with local healthcare professionals is an essential part of fulfilling our mission.

Our monthly LifeSaver Award honors and recognizes those who best exemplify the spirit of going above and beyond to save lives — highlighting our shared values to improve donation.

JANUARY: **Jean Escobar & Dr. Amanda Maskovyak**  
King County Medical Examiner's Office | Seattle, Wash.

FEBRUARY: **Wenqi Ge**  
Valley Medical Center | Renton, Wash.

MARCH: **Alecia George**  
Alaska Regional Hospital | Anchorage, Alaska

APRIL: **Sarah Sissel**  
Swedish Medical Center – Edmonds | Edmonds, Wash.

MAY: **Esther Jaime**  
MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital | Puyallup, Wash.

JUNE: **Scarlett Rednall**  
Alaska Native Medical Center | Anchorage, Alaska

JULY: **Meghanne DeNecochea**  
St. Joseph Regional Medical Center | Lewiston, Idaho

AUGUST: **Olesia Soldyshev**  
Benefis Health System | Great Falls, Mont.

SEPTEMBER: **Alan Carmignani**  
Logan Health | Kallispell, Mont.

OCTOBER: **Michelle Robbins**  
Overlake Medical Center & Clinics | Bellevue, Wash.

NOVEMBER: **Bozeman Health Team**  
Bozeman, Mont.

DECEMBER: **Codi Osborn**  
Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center | Spokane, Wash.



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

## Outstanding Hospital Achievement Award St. Vincent Regional Hospital BILLINGS, MONT.

The Outstanding Hospital Achievement Award is presented to one hospital that demonstrated impressive outcomes, strong and effective processes and unwavering dedication to honoring donor decisions, supporting donor families and improving the lives of transplant recipients. This year, we're honoring St. Vincent Regional Hospital!

Impressively, St. Vincent was one of only three hospitals across our entire region to meet or exceed all End The Wait Campaign objectives in 2025: a donation rate of 75% or greater, a process error rate of 5% or less and honoring 100% of registered donation decisions of medically suitable organ donors.

St. Vincent saw a remarkable 25 organ donors in 2025, successfully supporting the recovery of 78 life-saving organs. During these donation cases, the St. Vincent team expertly partnered with LifeCenter to support, comfort and honor these donors and their families — with LifeCenter continuing that support for months and years after the donor families leave the hospital.

Notably, St. Vincent has a prominent "Gift of Life Wall" honoring the hospital's donors — with photos and details about these heroes permanently displayed. It's a powerful reminder of St. Vincent's commitment to preserving these legacies and supporting a strong donation culture, while also highlighting the profound impact of donation within Billings and throughout Montana



## Donation Champion Award Katie Black, Bethany Houston and Audrey Rippey HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER | SEATTLE, WASH.

The Donation Champion Award recognizes individuals in our region who are tirelessly devoted to creating and maintaining a strong donation program at their hospital through the End The Wait Campaign.



Katie, Bethany and Audrey consistently demonstrate exceptional dedication and integrity in the Trauma ICU at Harborview. Over the past year, they've not only volunteered to serve as donation champions on their unit but have fully embraced the role by partnering with us on a pilot project aimed at increasing timely referrals and improving workflow efficiency.

They've developed a streamlined process for their team, ensured staff engagement and proactively managed the project with consistency and accountability. Together, they've helped ICU teams better understand the nuances of the donation process.

Despite the demands of supporting their own ICU team, Katie, Bethany and Audrey consistently make time to mentor and assist champions across other ICUs. They lead by example as positive role models — bringing solution-oriented thinking and constructive feedback to donation cases for everyone involved.

Katie, Bethany and Audrey approach every interaction with a positive mindset and a genuine commitment to strengthening donation culture within their department. Their willingness to collaborate, problem-solve and champion best practices has been invaluable.

## LifeSaver of the Year Award Codi Osborn, RN PROVIDENCE SACRED HEART MEDICAL CENTER & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL | SPOKANE, WASH.



The LifeSaver of the Year Award honors and recognizes one individual who best exemplifies the spirit of going above and beyond to save lives — honoring our shared values to improve donation culture and outcomes.

Codi Osborn, an RN at Sacred Heart, earned this year's award for her exceptional clinical judgment during a complex donation case that could have resulted in lost organs. When a patient with a large family presence was referred for donation, Codi helped the whole family navigate the loss of their loved one with calm and expertise. But it was what happened next that set her apart.

After the patient arrived in the OR for organ recovery, our team learned of a four-hour surgical delay that put organ viability at risk. Codi volunteered to manage the patient on a ventilator herself, demonstrating the kind of creative problem-solving that defines the best in our field. Though ultimately this didn't end up being necessary, her initiative ensured the patient's heart could still reach a recipient in need.

Codi's compassion and willingness to go far beyond what was expected directly saved two lives, helping one person receive a heart and another a liver. Her partnership represents the best of what we can achieve when hospital and OPO teams work together.

## LifeSaver Unit of the Year Award UW Medical Center – Northwest ICU Team SEATTLE, WASH.

The LifeSaver Unit of the Year Award is presented to one hospital unit that has demonstrated a commitment to improving donation outcomes and culture on their unit and in their hospital through their actions, time and energy.

The ICU team at UW Medical Center – Northwest demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to organ donation in 2025, achieving a record-setting year of impact with seven generous organ donors and 24 organs transplanted — more than double their recent annual activity.

The ICU team exemplified this commitment by managing three donation cases in a single day, followed later by another profoundly emotional case that carried deep significance

## Excellence in Community Partnership Award Alaska State Medical Examiner's Office ANCHORAGE, ALASKA



The Excellence in Community Partnership Award is presented to organizations in our service area that have demonstrated unwavering dedication to collaborating with LifeCenter Northwest to improve the lives of those in our community.

For more than 15 years, the Alaska State Medical Examiner's Office (Alaska SME) has worked hand-in-hand with LifeCenter Northwest to make sure that every potential organ donor becomes a realized organ donor.

The Alaska SME is tasked with investigating and determining the cause and manner of death for all Alaskan deaths that are sudden, unexpected and otherwise unnatural. As part of this work, they make every effort to support donation by collaborating with LifeCenter. By making timely decisions, the Alaska SME supports their mission as well as ours, benefiting donors and their families.

The Alaska SME's steadfast dedication to donation makes them a true community partner — honoring the donation decisions of Alaskans, supporting Alaskan donor families and offering a second chance at life to recipients.

for the staff. Their compassion, professionalism and unity during these challenging moments highlight a culture of care within the organization.

Additionally, UW Northwest saw a 30% increase in their overall conversion rate, a reduction in early extubations to 5% and zero donor registry oppositions in 2025.

These achievements are not simply numbers. They reflect a higher degree of healthcare, lives saved, families comforted, legacies honored and a community strengthened by these acts of generosity and clinical performance. For their exceptional collaboration and profound impact, we're proud to honor the UW Northwest ICU team with this award.



## Donation Innovation Award

### Providence St. Peter Hospital

OLYMPIA, WASH.

The Donation Innovation Award is presented annually to one hospital across our four-state donation service area that has demonstrated a commitment to careful evaluation of their organ donation processes and has taken specific steps to improve outcomes through innovative quality improvement initiatives.

Providence St. Peter Hospital significantly improved their donation program through innovative measures in 2025! Specifically, the CVICU and NTICU at St. Peter took part in a LifeCenter pilot project focused on eliminating early extubations.

Since implementing early referral notifications, St. Peter has seen a 7% decrease in early extubations and an increase of 12% in timely referrals. In addition, St. Peter:

- Implemented a new donor registry navigation policy
- Created educational tools for their nursing staff and improved their documentation
- Began supporting normothermic regional perfusion (NRP), an organ preservation technique

Overall, the St. Peter team has shown exceptional dedication to strengthening their donation program and we're proud to honor them with this award!



## Excellence in Donation Advocacy Award

### Janet Anderson

Whether it's at a hospital, in a classroom, or at an event, having donation advocates bravely share their donation stories fosters a better understanding of and appreciation for the life-saving power of donation in our communities. The Excellence in Donation Advocacy Award is presented to those who've made a substantial impact by sharing their donation stories.

This year, we are proud to honor Janet Anderson, mother of organ donor Gregg Sutton, with this award.

Janet has warmly and powerfully spoken to hospital audiences, legislators and supported donor families and recipients served by LifeCenter Northwest. 2026 will mark eight years since a tragic motorcycle crash claimed the life of Gregg Sutton, Janet's son, but his legacy of generosity lives on through Janet.

Janet lives in Kansas City, Mo., and volunteers with Midwest Transplant Network, the organ procurement organization that's based where she lives. However, Janet also regularly travels to Washington state (where Gregg lived) to volunteer with LifeCenter Northwest, advocate for donation and share Gregg's story.

Over the past eight years of Janet's trips to Washington, one of Gregg's recipients — Al Bass, Gregg's liver recipient — has become her close friend.

Janet is a constant welcoming and empathetic presence within our Donor Family Aftercare team's online communities: our private Facebook group for donor families and recipients, our monthly virtual support groups for donor families and our correspondence workshops.

Countless healing journeys for donor family members have begun with a kind word or a warm hug from Janet — and we're eternally grateful for her dynamic donation advocacy.



## Organ Donation Process Excellence Award

Earned by hospitals with a process error rate of 5% or less.

- Alaska Regional Hospital
- Benefis Health System
- Billings Clinic
- Bonner General Health
- Confluence Health Central Washington Hospital
- EvergreenHealth Medical Center
- Glendive Medical Center
- Gritman Medical Center
- Harborview Medical Center
- Kadlec Regional Medical Center
- Livingston Healthcare
- MultiCare Auburn Medical Center
- MultiCare Capital Medical Center
- MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital
- MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
- MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital
- MultiCare Valley Hospital
- Overlake Medical Center & Clinics
- Providence Alaska Medical Center
- Providence Holy Family Hospital
- Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center & Children's Hospital
- St. James Healthcare
- St. Peter's Health
- St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center – Cherry Hill
- Swedish Medical Center – First Hill
- Swedish Medical Center – Issaquah
- Trios Health Southridge Hospital
- UW Medical Center – Montlake
- UW Medical Center – Northwest
- VA Puget Sound Health Care System
- Valley Medical Center
- St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood
- St. Joseph Medical Center, Tacoma

## Tissue Donation Referral Achievement Award

Earned by hospitals with a timely tissue referral rate of 95% or greater.

- Benefis Health System
- Billings Clinic
- Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Medical Center
- Gritman Medical Center
- Kindred Hospital Seattle – First Hill
- Kootenai Health
- MultiCare Auburn Medical Center
- MultiCare Capital Medical Center
- MultiCare Deaconess Hospital
- MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital
- MultiCare Valley Hospital
- PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center
- Providence Holy Family Hospital

- Providence Mount Carmel Hospital
- Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center & Children's Hospital
- Seattle Children's Hospital
- St. James Healthcare
- St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center – Cherry Hill

## End The Wait Organ Donation Rate Award

**Gold:** Earned by hospitals with a donation rate of 75% or greater.

- Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Medical Center
- Madigan Army Medical Center
- Samaritan Healthcare
- St. Peter's Health
- St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center – Edmonds
- Swedish Medical Center – Issaquah
- St. Francis Hospital, Federal Way

**Silver:** Earned by hospitals with a donation rate between 65% and 74%.

- MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital
- Overlake Medical Center & Clinics
- Providence Holy Family Hospital
- Skagit Valley Hospital
- UW Medical Center – Northwest

## Collaborative Family Support Award

Earned by hospitals with a collaborative request rate of 100%.

- Community Medical Center
- EvergreenHealth Medical Center
- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- Kindred Hospital Seattle – First Hill
- Madigan Army Medical Center
- Mason General Hospital & Family of Clinics
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center
- MultiCare Capital Medical Center
- MultiCare Valley Hospital
- Olympic Medical Center
- Providence Holy Family Hospital
- St. James Healthcare
- Swedish Medical Center – First Hill
- St. Anthony Hospital, Gig Harbor
- St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood

## Honoring Donor Decisions Award

Earned by hospitals honoring 100% of registered donation decisions of medically suitable organ donors.

- Alaska Native Medical Center
- Benefis Health System
- Billings Clinic
- Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Medical Center

- Central Peninsula Hospital
- Community Medical Center
- Confluence Health Central Washington Hospital
- EvergreenHealth Medical Center
- Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- Harbor Regional Health Community Hospital
- Kindred Hospital Seattle - First Hill
- Kootenai Health
- Logan Health
- Madigan Army Medical Center
- MultiCare Capital Medical Center
- MultiCare Deaconess Hospital
- MultiCare Valley Hospital
- MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital
- Olympic Medical Center
- Overlake Medical Center & Clinics
- Providence Centralia Hospital
- Providence Regional Medical Center, Everett
- Providence Holy Family Hospital
- Samaritan Healthcare
- Skagit Valley Hospital
- St. James Healthcare
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center
- St. Peter's Health
- St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center – Edmonds
- Swedish Medical Center – First Hill
- Swedish Medical Center – Issaquah
- UW Medical Center – Northwest
- Valley Medical Center
- Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle
- St. Anne Hospital, Burien
- St. Anthony Hospital, Gig Harbor
- St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood
- St. Francis Hospital, Federal Way

## Excellence in Improvement Award

**Organ:** Discretionary selection from a list of the top five hospitals with the highest cumulative gains in donation rate and collaborative request rate — as well as the biggest decrease in process error rate — in the previous year.

**2025 Winner:**  
MultiCare Yakima Memorial Hospital

**Tissue:** Discretionary selection from a list of the top five hospitals that had the highest cumulative gains in timely tissue referral rate and donation rate.

**2025 Winner:**  
Seattle Children's Hospital

## End The Wait Award

Earned by hospitals who meet or exceed all End The Wait objectives: a donation rate of 75% or greater, a process error rate of 5% or less, and honoring 100% of registered donation decisions.

- St. Peter's Health
- St. Vincent Regional Hospital
- Swedish Medical Center – Issaquah

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## New Video Shares the Bond Between Two Donor Moms



In 2025, LifeCenter created a video about how two moms forged a friendship that helped them navigate their grief in the wake of losing their sons who became organ donors.

Shot in Bozeman, Mont., it features Heidi, mom to donor William Hunt, and Sonja, mom to donor Carter Herne.

The young men died in separate accidents in Montana during the same summer, and their

mothers met at a LifeCenter event for donor families.

Heidi and Sonja stayed in touch, finding mutual support and healing. They share how they broke through the isolation of their grief to find joy — and urge other families to do the same. Watch the video by scanning the QR code.

