



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Two families, one heart – Many lives saved

WHAT: Bobby and Vicki Blair, who lost their son Shon in January 2014, will meet Mike Wendt, who received their son's heart through a life-saving transplant. Mike's wife Darla will also be present to meet the family who gave her husband a second chance at life.

WHEN: Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Homewood Suites – 2675 Plaza Parkway, Wichita Falls, TX 76308

WHY: Two years after Mike received the gift of life from Shon Blair, the families have decided to meet for the first time.

NOTE: The families will meet for the first time at 10:30 a.m. and will be available for interviews for approximately one hour, until 11:30 a.m. Please be advised that you may want to arrive about 15 minutes beforehand in order to capture the initial reactions.

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About Southwest Transplant Alliance:

For more than 40 years, STA has been saving lives by recovering donated organs for individuals awaiting a life-saving transplant. STA is among the largest of 58 federally designated, non-profit organ procurement organizations (OPO) and is now ranked number three in the nation for the highest number of organs transplanted. Founded in 1974, STA has facilitated more than 22,000 organs for recovery and enhanced the lives of more than 100,000 people. STA is a member of the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) and is accredited by the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO). The organization serves communities in North Texas, Beaumont, Bryan/College Station, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Galveston, Midland/Odessa, Temple and Tyler. For more information, go to www.organ.org.

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