



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Two Texas families united by one gift

- WHAT:** Colette Steinburg-Cheslik, who lost her son Anthony Cheslik in May of 1991, will meet Valencia McLaurin, who received Anthony's liver through a life-saving transplant.
- WHEN:** Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Wyndham El Paso Airport – 2027 Airway Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79925
- WHY:** 25 years after Valencia received the gift of life from Anthony Cheslik, 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 of the families.

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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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