



EVENT REMINDER

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NASCAR DRIVER TO MEET FANS & CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF LIFE

- WHAT:** NASCAR driver Joey Gase will visit the UT Southwestern Medical Center campus to meet with the hospital's transplant center patients. He'll share his personal experience as an organ, eye and tissue donor family member in honor of National Donate Life Month. Gase will also unveil the Donate Life Texas # 52 car he'll be racing on April 8 at the Texas Motor Speedway as part of the O'Reilly Auto Parts Xfinity 300 Series race. Special guests will be invited to sign their names and make handprints using paint on Gase's car.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- WHERE:** UT Southwestern Medical Center, William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, John & Ginny Eulich Pavilion - 6201 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390
- WHY:** To promote awareness of the growing need for organ, eye and tissue donation and highlight the importance of registering as a donor
- WHO:** Interviews are available with Joey Gase, NASCAR driver
Dr. Jorge Marrero, Medical Director of UT Southwestern Liver Transplant Program
Suzy Miller, Executive Director, Donate Life Texas
Donor families, transplant patients, recipients and Donate Life advocates
- NOTE:** Following his mother's sudden death in 2011, Gase was called upon to consent to donating her organs, eyes and tissues which ultimately touched the lives of 66 people in need of transplants. Since then, Gase has become as passionate about donation as he is about racing. In December 2015, he was awarded NASCAR's inaugural Community Champion Award for his work supporting organ, eye and tissue donation.

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