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Flag raising in honor of National Donate Life Month

- WHAT:** Tina Henry, who received the life-saving gift of a liver transplant in 1996, will be joined by Bobby and Vicky Blair whose son Shon saved seven lives through the gift of organ donation in 2014, will raise a flag in honor of National Donate Life Month, which is held every April.
- WHEN:** Monday, April 3, 2017 at 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Midwestern State University, 3410 Taft Blvd. Wichita Falls, TX 76308
DL Ligon Coliseum
- WHY:** Donate Life America and its partner organizations host a series of local, regional and national activities for the entire month of April to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.
- WHO:** Henry and the Blair family will be available for interviews following the flag raising.
- NOTE:** Mayor of Wichita Falls, Stephen Santellana, has proclaimed April, Donate Life Texas Month in the city.

About Southwest Transplant Alliance:

For more than 40 years, STA has been saving lives by recovering donated organs for individuals awaiting a lifesaving transplant. Recently, STA began recovering eyes and tissue to improve lives. 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, Wichita Falls and Tyler. For more information, go to www.organ.org.

Sign up to be an organ donor today at www.DonateLifeTexas.org.