

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Southwest Transplant Alliance hosts organ and tissue registration drive to save lives

**WHAT**: Southwest Transplant Alliance and Donate Life Texas will host a donor registration

drive to encourage people to register their decision to become organ, eye and

tissue donors.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 28, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

WHERE: Victory Plaza, outside the WFAA studio – 3030 Olive Street, Dallas, TX 75219

WHY: More than 10,000 Texans are on the waiting list for an organ transplant and more

than 118,000 people in the U.S. are on the list. Sadly, 22 people die each day waiting for a lifesaving transplant. One person can touch more than 75 lives

through the gift of organ, eye and tissue donation.

**WHO:** Come meet representatives from Southwest Transplant Alliance, the organ

recovery agency in Dallas to learn about organ, eye and tissue donation.

**NOTE:** This organ donor registration event is being held in honor of National Donate Life

Month, which occurs every April.

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

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| 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 <a href="https://www.organ.org">www.organ.org</a> . |                                    |
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| Sign up to be an organ donor today at <a href="https://www.DonateLifeTexas.org">www.DonateLifeTexas.org</a> .   |                                    |
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