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Leadership at Southwest Transplant Alliance receives awards

Patti Niles, CEO and president of Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA), a non-profit organ procurement organization (OPO) based in Dallas, has received the President's Award for exceptional leadership and guidance from the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO), a national organization representing organ procurement organizations. The award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the AOPO and its members.

Burt Mattice, COO of STA, received the first ever Lifetime Achievement award from AOPO. This award was designed to honor an employee of an OPO who has made a significant contribution to the goals and ideals of donation. The recipient must have served in a senior leadership role for a minimum of 10 years and must have served as the chair of at least one AOPO committee.

Both awards were presented in Austin, TX during the annual AOPO national conference in June.

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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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