

Donate Life Month Activities

APRIL 2019

Join Transplant Services at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) as we celebrate the gift of life. Throughout April we will spotlight organ donation and encourage others to register as organ donors. A single donor has the potential to save eight lives and help more than 50 people. All events are free and open to past and present transplant recipients, living-donors, their loved ones, and hospital staff.

DONATE LIFE T-SHIRTS

Donate Life t-shirts will be on sale during the month in recognition of Organ Donor Awareness Month. Employees may purchase the shirts through their Manager or Unit Director or by contacting Bernadette Ali at Bernadette.ali@chp.edu or **412-692-7140**. Cash or payroll deduction will be accepted. All proceeds will be donated to the Patient and Family Assistance Fund through Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. Staff who purchase one of these limited-edition t-shirts may wear it every Friday in the month of April for organ donation awareness.

MARCH 29

Donate Life Flag Raising Ceremony • 3 p.m., Hospital Main Lobby and Outdoor Flagpole

Join us as we kick off National Donate Life Month with the annual flag raising ceremony and refreshments. Speakers include leaders from UPMC Children's Transplant Services, patients, and a donor family. A donor registration table will be present for those interested in registering to become an organ donor.

APRIL 12

Blue and Green Day

National Donate Life Blue and Green Day honors those touched by organ, tissue, and eye donation. Employees are encouraged to wear their green and blue colors in recognition of organ donation.

APRIL 13

Living Donor Celebration • UPMC Montefiore, LHAS Auditorium

This event brings together transplant recipients and living donors to celebrate the ultimate gift of life. Clinicians, transplant recipients, and donors will share their stories of hope. This event is by invitation only.

APRIL 17

International Transplant Nurses' Day

Help us honor our talented and dedicated team of transplant nurses. We commend them for a job well done. Post a message to UPMC Children's Facebook page about your experience with a transplant nurse.

APRIL 18

Blood Drive • 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eat 'N Park Atrium

Donations are critical to maintain a good regional blood supply. Join with Transplant Services and support the blood drive at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

APRIL 22-26

National Pediatric Transplant Week

National Pediatric Transplant Week focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

APRIL 24

Ronald McDonald House Family Dinner

The Transplant Services team is hosting the third annual dinner for patients and families at the Ronald McDonald House. Meal preparation begins at 4 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate an item or volunteer for this event, please contact Tara Hartle at tara.hartle@chp.edu.

APRIL 27

Patient Parade • 10 a.m., Eat 'N Park Atrium

Celebrate the gift of life with UPMC Children's Hospital at the annual Patient Parade. This year our event will feature the first-ever mascot dance-off. We encourage our transplant recipients to return to the hospital on Saturday, April 27 to thank their health care team and staff who helped to give them a second chance at life. Transplant recipients will parade from the Eat 'N Park Atrium to inpatient units to show first-hand the importance of organ donation. Patients and families are asked to RSVP to **412-692-7140**.

APRIL 27

ENCORE at the Escape Room • 1:15 p.m.

Join your fellow transplant teens and young adults for an Escape Room challenge. This event is free but space is limited. Email CHPEncoreTeam@chp.edu for more information.

Register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor at CHP.edu/DonateLife.

