



## OneLegacy CEO Tom Mone is Today's Honoree

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Tragically 22 people die every day in the United States waiting for a life-saving organ donation; and currently nearly 120,000 Americans are awaiting a new heart, liver, lung, kidney and/or pancreas. But while medical technology has made transplantation possible, there are simply not enough donors to meet the growing demand. One person unwilling to accept those harsh numbers is Tom Mone, chief executive officer of OneLegacy, the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world. Based in Los Angeles, OneLegacy serves more than 200 hospitals, 11 transplant centers, and a diverse population of 20 million Southern Californians spanning seven counties.

Since Tom assumed the helm of the organization in 2000, OneLegacy has been setting the bar for donations and transplants and last year established a new national record of organs recovered and transplanted as well as setting a national record of tissue and cornea donors. Driven by Tom's passionate commitment to the cause, OneLegacy has seen a 74 percent increase in lives saved by organ transplantation and 300 percent increase in lives healed through tissue transplant.

Under Tom's leadership OneLegacy has advanced the field by creating the tools necessary to make organ donation more accessible and the donor-recipient match more refined. These have included the first electronic donor record and web-based organ offer systems, "NAT" testing of all donors to prevent disease transmission, the Donate Life California DMV-linked registry, the Living Donation California Referral Program, and the Global Leadership Symposium to share donation best practices worldwide.

Tom is also chairman of the Donate Life Rose Parade float, which, for the past 15 years, has served as the centerpiece of a national effort designed to both encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors while honoring those who have saved lives through the generous gift of donation.

Tom began his career as a presidential management intern and a budget analyst for the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (where he received the Secretary's Award). Prior to joining OneLegacy, Tom was president and CEO of San Gabriel Valley Medical Center in Southern California. Tom received his Master of Science from the University of California, Irvine and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

It is no wonder that Tom has become an industry leader, much-published author and internationally acclaimed speaker on this critically important issue. He is indeed making a positive impact with the simple, life-giving message that organ, eye and tissue donation saves and heals lives.

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