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**Registration Now Open for Nation's Largest  
Donation and Transplantation Symposium, Hosted by OneLegacy**

***Baseball Great and Transplant Recipient Rod Carew to be Among  
More Than 1,000 Gathering October 24 in Pomona to  
Share Messages Aimed at Increasing Organ and Tissue Donation***

(LOS ANGELES – September 6, 2017) — Registration is now open for the nation's largest Donation and Transplantation Symposium to be held October 24 at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel and Convention Center in Pomona. Sponsored by OneLegacy, this eighth annual gathering is expected to attract more than 1,000 hospital and transplant professionals, along with baseball Hall of Famer and transplant recipient Rod Carew, who will share best practices designed to positively impact organ and tissue donation activity at their own hospitals and in their own communities.

Registration for this free symposium – along with a complete program listing – may be obtained at [www.onelegacy.org/symposium](http://www.onelegacy.org/symposium). Physicians, nurses, transplant center staff, pastoral care professionals, palliative care professionals and social workers are among those expected to attend.

“Equipped with the proper knowledge and understanding of donation, hospital staff can help give a recipient a second chance at life while supporting the donor family who may find their grief a little less painful as they honor their loved ones through this generous act,” said Tom Mone, chief executive officer of OneLegacy, the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world. “This symposium is designed to help provide hospitals with the tools and information they need to raise public awareness and ease the donor management process.”

Toward that end attendees will hear from and interact with respected healthcare professionals, organ procurement specialists and donor recipients. Among the inspirational speakers will be transplant recipient Rod Carew and Mary Reuland, mother of former NFL tight

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end Konrad Reuland. Konrad died of a brain aneurysm in December 2016 and his generous gift of heart, kidneys and liver donations gave three recipients a second chance at life, including Carew who received Konrad's heart and right kidney.

“A single organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people and improve the lives of as many as 75 more by donating their corneas and tissue,” said Mone. “Still more than 22,000 California residents are waiting to receive lifesaving hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys and other organs; but there are simply not enough individuals saying “yes” to donation to meet the growing need. Through our combined efforts we have made significant progress, but much more is needed.”

Last year OneLegacy achieved a record-setting performance in lives saved with nearly 1,500 transplants from a record number of organ donors. Since 2000, OneLegacy has seen a 74 percent increase in lives saved by organ transplantation and a 300 percent increase in lives healed through tissue transplant.

Symposium attendees will also get a preview of the 2018 Donate Life Rose Parade float honoring “The Gift of Time.” Celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> year of participating in the parade, the Donate Life Rose Parade float is the centerpiece of a national effort of more than 50 organizations to reach a broad audience with the simple, life-giving message that organ, eye and tissue donation saves and heals lives.

### **About OneLegacy**

OneLegacy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in seven counties in Southern California: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and Kern. Serving more than 200 hospitals, 11 transplant centers, and a diverse population of nearly 20 million, OneLegacy is the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world. For more information, call OneLegacy at 800-786-4077, or visit [onelegacy.org](http://onelegacy.org).

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