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SOUTHLAND OBSERVES NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH WITH OVER 50 REGIONAL EVENTS PROMOTING ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONATION

April Highlights Include National Blue & Green Day (April 11) and 12th Annual Donate Life Run/Walk in Fullerton (April 26)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Apr. 2, 2014 – April's National Donate Life Month will be observed throughout all seven Southland counties with over 50 events ranging from flag raisings and educational programs to the largest run/walk of its kind in the country. Organized by the staff, volunteers and community partners of OneLegacy, the non-profit, federally designated organ, eye and tissue recovery organization serving the greater Los Angeles area, the events will inspire all Californians to support life-saving and healing organ, eye, and tissue donation and transplantation. Participants in Donate Life Month observances include more than 50 hospitals and transplant centers, six counties, over 70 cities, and thousands of individuals dedicated to supporting the program.

“We’ve always had great participation from our community, but this year the participation has increased to new levels. We hope that this broad interest is a reflection of our work throughout the year to inspire everyone to become organ, eye and tissue donors,” stated Tom Mone, chief executive officer of OneLegacy. “We are grateful to our many hospital partners and supportive public officials that are joining with us to celebrate the remarkable life-saving results of donation.”

Throughout the month, local observances of the Donate Life Flags Across America initiative will see thousands of flags being raised as symbols of unity and hope, with 15 flying at Southland hospitals.

Donate Life's trademark colors will be commonplace at transplant centers, hospitals, DMV field offices and in social media on Blue & Green Day, April 11.

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Capping the month is the 12th annual Donate Life Run/Walk and Family Festival at Cal State Fullerton on Sat., April 26. Nearly 13,000 people organized into over 200 donor family teams, 33 hospital teams, and dozens of other groups and organizations are expected to participate in the largest event of its kind in the country. The Donate Life Run/Walk was inspired by the living donor (Kathleen Hostert) and recipient (her husband Craig) of a transplanted kidney; one year ago Craig received a second kidney from his son Justin. A committee of 70 volunteers has committed their time and energy year after year to honor donor families, thank living donors, celebrate the renewed health of transplant recipients, and give hope to patients in need of transplants.

Throughout the month, Donate Life Ambassadors and Embajadores de Done Vida – trained English- and Spanish-speaking volunteers who have been touched by donation and transplantation – will receive proclamations from six counties – Kern, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura – and over 70 cities. Each proclamation of "DMV/Donate Life California Month" affirms the California Department of Motor Vehicles' role in the enrollment of 95 percent of the state's 11 million designated donors on the state donor registry. These volunteers will also share their stories at educational booths at various Southland hospitals.

OneLegacy is the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ, eye and tissue donation in the seven-county greater Los Angeles area. With more than 200 hospitals, 10 transplant centers and a diverse population of 20 million, OneLegacy is the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world.

For more information visit www.OneLegacy.org. For Donate Life Run/Walk registration and updates, see www.DonateLifeRunWalk.org. To register to become an organ, eye, or tissue donor, visit www.donateLIFeCalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.

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(Editor's note: See attached for scheduled events)

Selected Southland Events – Donate Life Month 2014

Date	Host	City	Event/Activity
3/30	City of Hemet	Hemet	Flag Raising
3/31	Antelope Valley Hospital	Lancaster	Flag Raising
4/1	Riverside County	Riverside	Flag Raising
4/1	Huntington Memorial	Pasadena	Flag Raising
4/2	Eisenhower Medical Center	Rancho Mirage	Educational Booth
4/2	Riverside County Regional Medical Center	Riverside	Blue & Green
4/3	Garfield Medical Center	Monterey Park	Flag Raising
4/4	City of Huntington Beach	Huntington Beach	Flag Raising
4/7	Palmdale Regional Medical Center	Palmdale	Flag Raising
4/7	Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center	Los Angeles	Symposium
4/8	Northridge Hospital Medical Center	Northridge	Flag Raising
4/8	Riverside Community Hospital	Riverside	Blue & Green, Flag
4/8	Western Medical Center	Santa Ana	Blue & Green, Flag, Ed
4/8	City of Torrance	Torrance	Flag Raising
4/9	St. John's Medical Center	Santa Monica	Flag Raising
4/10	St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital	Camarillo	Flag Raising
4/11	Desert Regional Medical Center	Palm Springs	Blue & Green, Ed
4/11	Providence Tarzana Medical Center	Tarzana	Flag Raising
4/11	Riverside County	Riverside	Blue & Green, Ed
4/11	UC Irvine Medical Center	Irvine	Blue & Green
4/14	Mission Hospital Reg. Medical Center	Mission Viejo	Golf Tournament
4/15	White Memorial Medical Center	Los Angeles	Flag, Ed
4/15	City of Long Beach	Long Beach	Flag Raising
4/17	Mission Hospital Regional Medical Center	Mission Viejo	Flag Raising
4/17	White Memorial Medical Center	Los Angeles	Blue & Green, Ed
4/22	Palmdale Regional Medical Center	Palmdale	Educational Booth
4/26	OneLegacy/Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton	Donate Life Run/Walk
April	County of Riverside	Riverside	Educational Booth
April	Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	Los Angeles	Educational Booth
April	Riverside Community Hospital	Riverside	Educational Booth
April	Riverside County Regional Medical Center	Riverside	Educational Booth

DMV/Donate Life California Month Proclamation Presentations, 2014

Date	City/County	County
4/1	Anaheim	Orange
4/1	Arvin	Kern
4/1	Costa Mesa	Orange
4/1	Fullerton	Orange
4/1	Glendale	Los Angeles
4/1	Kern County	Kern
4/1	Norwalk	Los Angeles
4/1	Placentia	Orange
4/1	Riverside	Riverside
4/1	Riverside County	Riverside
4/1	Victorville	San Bernardino
4/2	Baldwin Park	Los Angeles
4/7	Barstow	San Bernardino
4/7	Delano	Kern
4/7	La Verne	Los Angeles
4/7	Port Hueneme	Ventura
4/7	Santa Paula	Ventura
4/7	Simi Valley	Ventura
4/7	West Hollywood	Los Angeles
4/8	Apple Valley	San Bernardino
4/8	Buena Park	Orange
4/8	Chino Hills	San Bernardino
4/8	Fontana	San Bernardino
4/8	Hemet	Riverside
4/8	Loma Linda	Riverside
4/8	Ojai	Ventura
4/8	Orange	Orange
4/8	Thousand Oaks	Ventura
4/8	Torrance	Los Angeles
4/9	Adelanto	San Bernardino
4/9	San Marino	Los Angeles
4/10	Santa Fe Springs	Los Angeles
4/15	Hesperia	San Bernardino
4/15	La Palma	Orange
4/15	San Clemente	Orange
4/15	Santa Barbara County	Santa Barbara
4/15	Shafter	Kern
4/15	Yorba Linda	Orange
4/16	Bakersfield	Kern
4/16	Corona	Riverside
4/21	Culver City	Los Angeles
4/22	Irvine	Orange