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**OneLegacy to Host Nation's Largest
Donation and Transplantation Symposium, October 25, in Pomona**

(LOS ANGELES – September 7, 2016) — OneLegacy announced today that it will host its seventh annual “Donation and Transplantation Symposium,” October 25, at the Sheraton Fairplex Hotel and Convention Center in Pomona. With anticipated attendance expected to exceed 1,000 hospital and transplant professionals, it will be the largest gathering of its kind in the country.

“This unique symposium will allow attendees to network with their fellow professionals; hear from industry leaders; and explore today’s cutting-edge topics related to organ, eye and tissue donation,” said Kathy Vasilopoulos, OneLegacy’s vice president of organ operations. “Organ and tissue donation is an incredible gift, and this symposium will help provide the tools and information healthcare professionals need to positively impact the process at their own hospitals and in their own communities.”

Keynote speakers at the symposium will be Nader Habashi, M.D., associate professor of medicine at the University of Maryland, and Christina Woodward Strong, Esq., from the law offices of Christina Woodward Strong. In addition, a number of concurrent breakout sessions will cover such topics as the impact of research donation, effective donor management, cornea transplants, legal issues surrounding donation, donor family aftercare services, and other timely issues. Physicians, nurses, transplant center staff, pastoral care professionals, palliative care professionals, and social workers are among those expected to attend.

“In California alone more than 22,000 residents are waiting to receive lifesaving hearts, livers, lungs, kidneys and other organs; but there are simply not enough donors to meet the growing need,” says Vasilopoulos. “Tragically 18 people die every day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant, and the national waiting list currently holds more than 123,000

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people. This annual symposium is just one of many things OneLegacy does throughout the year to call attention to this issue and to help hospitals ease the donor management process.”

As the largest organ, eye and tissue recovery organization in the world, OneLegacy serves more than 200 hospitals, 11 transplant centers, and a diverse population of nearly 20 million people throughout seven counties in Southern California. More information on OneLegacy or on becoming a donor is available at www.onelegacy.org

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