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A Donate Life Organization

## NEW DONATE LIFE NC LICENSE PLATE

# Literally Driving Donation

Be among the first to show your support of organ and tissue donation! A new Donate Life License Plate for North Carolina is one step closer to reality. The NC General Assembly approved the new plate this summer. But there's a catch.

The license plates won't be produced by the state until 300 applications are received. So far, LifeShare and the state's other two donation recovery organizations have agreed to purchase the plates for their vehicles but we need our supporters to get behind this effort too.

Each time you drive your car or park in a public space, you too can help encourage organ and tissue donation. The cost of the plate is \$20, not including the annual license plate renewal fee. For those people who are interested, it's also possible to personalize your Donate Life License Plate. Choosing four additional spaces is an additional \$50 per year.

Proceeds from the specialty plates will be used to encourage people to join the North Carolina Donor Registry and to support families at the state's five transplant centers - Carolinas Medical Center, Duke University Medical Center, East Carolina University Medical Center, UNC Health Care and Wake Forest Baptist Health.

To apply for one of the new plates, complete the form on page five and mail it along with your \$20 check to Donate Life North Carolina at the address on the form. The organization will hold all application fees in trust until the 300 benchmark has been reached. For additional information, e-mail [info@donatelifenc.org](mailto:info@donatelifenc.org).

This is the third time that the NC State Legislature voted on the creation of a Donate Life License Plate and the first time that it was approved.

*Help spread the word!*



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#### OUR MISSION

*To improve the quality of human life through the provision of organs and tissues for transplantation and to serve our hospitals and their respective communities by providing educational and support services which enhance the donation process.*

#### OUR VISION

*We envision a day when the regional supply of transplantable organs and tissues will satisfy the demand.*

## Dedicated Charlotte Student Recognized for Donor Drive

North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue recently awarded a Charlotte teenager a Student Excellence Award. Michelle Fogarty, a senior at Providence High School, was recognized for a donor drive she conducted at the school over a two-week period last April, National Donate Life Month.

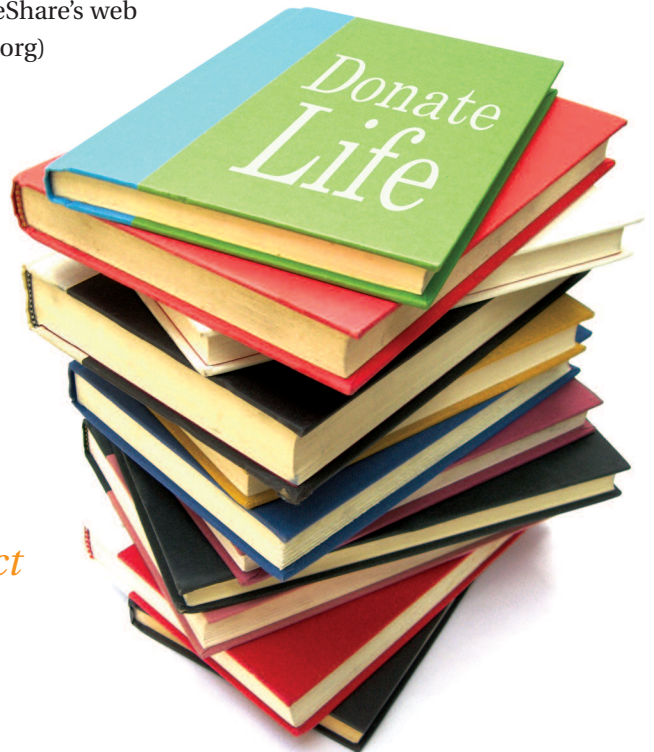
Thanks to Michelle, more than 35 percent of all students, teachers and staff at Providence High School are now part of the NC Donor Registry. 337 names were actually added to the Registry and an additional 433 individuals indicated they had already signed-up—a combined total of 770! “This is the largest high school donor drive ever held in the state. We believe that it may be the largest in the United States,” said Tamara McLaughlin of Donate Life North Carolina.

Michelle was assisted in the project by student volunteers from the Key Club who helped to spread awareness about the campaign and who took turns signing up students and faculty during lunch periods. LifeShare and Donate Life North Carolina also supported Michelle by providing support materials and serving as educational resources.

Michelle is the daughter of Patrick and Patricia Fogarty. An honor student, she was recently named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist. To her credit, she is also a great example of how one person can make a difference.

We hope that Michelle’s story will inspire other students to conduct donor drives at their own schools and teachers to take up the cause. Educational packets are available for high school teachers and driver’s education instructors on LifeShare’s web site ([www.lifesharecarolinas.org](http://www.lifesharecarolinas.org)) under the resource section. Videos that contain the Chris Henry and Jason Ray stories are also available upon request.

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# LifeShare Volunteers Making a Difference

JILLIAN COOPER

**THE YEAR 2010 WAS A YEAR OF STRENGTH AND COURAGE FOR A MAN THAT GREW UP AN AS ATHLETE. WATCHING RICHARD COOPER RUN APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES ALMOST EVERY WEEKEND, NO ONE WOULD GUESS HE HAD A LIVER TRANSPLANT TWO YEARS AGO. HE IS IN THE BEST SHAPE OF HIS LIFE AND FEELS MORE YOUTHFUL THAN EVER.**

With support of friends, family, his temple, and the Lake Norman High School's men's basketball team, he made it through one of the toughest life changing events. Prior to surgery, the family was going through a lot. They were always worrying about what was happening to him, what they could do to make him feel better and when the call would come.

His life was changed forever on his birthday, November 11, 2010 when he received a call from Carolinas Medical Center. Only a week after being placed on the waiting list for a liver transplant, a generous family gave him a second chance at life.

Hours later, Rich had a brand-new liver that actually worked. When he was better, the doctor gave him very interesting news. "The doctor told me I was two days away from dying," Rich said, "That was one of the scariest things to hear."

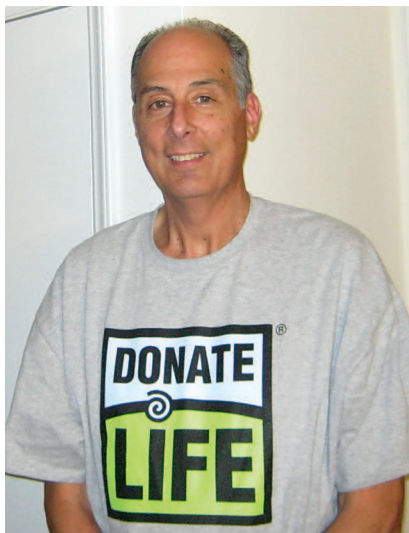
Hearing news like that can make a person change their perspective of life. "My doctor told me that I have had one of the fastest recoveries he has ever seen," Rich said. He came home from the hospital the day before Thanksgiving and took his first walk outside. After only six weeks, he was able to go back to being an assistant coach for the Lake Norman High School men's basketball team.

As a family, Rich's wife and daughter celebrate two birthdays for him each year. They have his real birthday on November 11th and then his new birthday on November 12th, the day he received his transplant.

Rich isn't only interested in coaching basketball, but in coaching about life. He takes the time to serve as a LifeShare volunteer. You can find him passing out brochures at a health fair or speaking at an event. Last year, he spoke at his synagogue, the Lake Norman Jewish Congregation as part of the National Donor Sabbath Observance. He is thinking about going to another congregation to tell his story this year.

Rich and his wife Mindy went to the beach in August on their first vacation in several years. As his daughter, I'm thrilled to have my dad feel like himself again. I too have decided to become a LifeShare volunteer.

This is my first article for the LifeShare newsletter. I look forward to writing many more about other people like my dad whose lives have been touched by donation.



Rich Cooper

## Number of Candidates on the National Transplant Waiting List

Kidney	89,782
Liver	16,173
Pancreas	1,359
Kidney-Pancreas	2,135
Heart	3,174
Lung	1,702
Heart-Lung	70
Intestine	262
<b>NATIONAL TOTAL</b>	<b>112,166</b>
<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>3,566</b>
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>1,039</b>

Based on OPTN data as of September 16, 2011.

## National Donor Sabbath Observed November 13, 2011

Everyone has a story to tell and what a better place to tell it than at a place of worship? The National Donor Sabbath Observance is a day each year for all religions to come together to learn, understand, and support organ donation. LifeShare has Donor Sabbath resource guides and other materials available for any congregations that want them. To get yours, call Jennifer McCarn at (704) 512-3303 or e-mail her at [jennifer.mccarn@carolinas.org](mailto:jennifer.mccarn@carolinas.org).

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**All major organized religions approve of organ and tissue donation and consider it an act of charity.**

# Jiffy Lube Raises \$10,000 to Benefit Donate Life America

## CALENDAR *of events*

**October 24, 2011**

NKF Cadillac Golf Tournament  
Charlotte Country Club  
Charlotte, NC

**November 13, 2011**

National Donor Sabbath  
Churches and Congregations  
Nationwide

**November 19, 2011**

Volunteer Training  
Carolinas HealthCare Training Center  
5039 Airport Center Parkway  
Building K, Room 15  
Charlotte, NC 28208

Thanks to the generous support of their customers, Charlotte Jiffy Lube® locations proudly announced they raised \$10,000 to help save lives through organ and tissue donation. The Save Money and Help Save a Life campaign was organized by the Automotive Oil Change Association (AOCA) and Donate Life America to raise money in support of Donate Life America's goal of registering more than 100 million Americans as committed organ, eye and tissue donors.

During the campaign, which began in April and ran through June, over 350 participating stores nationwide raised funds by asking customers to make a small donation at their automotive service center. In return, customers received coupon books with donation messages and more than \$50 in savings off of preventative maintenance services.

Jiffy Lube, a proud partner of the program, sold 4,173 books in its Charlotte, NC market alone. The money raised was donated to Donate Life America for educational programs at the national and state level.

"We are so grateful to our customers for making donations to support Donate Life America and to raise greater community awareness for organ, eye and tissue donation," said Jim Orsi, Operational Manager at Jiffy Lube." A check presentation was held July 15th with Robert Gayle, Jiffy Lube Charlotte Regional Manager, Debbie Gibbs of LifeShare and Lisa McCanna of the Transplant Department at Carolinas Medical Center.

Nationwide, AOCA contributed \$41,211 to Donate Life America. Based on the program's success this year, there are plans to expand it in 2012 to other locations throughout the United States and North Carolina. Look for information on the promotion next spring.



 **jiffy lube**  
Keep my ride alive!™

*You have the power to donate life!*



## PLANNING A PROGRAM?

As your organization plans its meeting calendar for the year, please think of LifeShare. Speakers from your community whose lives have been touched by organ or tissue donation are available to talk to local groups.

If you would like to schedule a free, informative presentation tailored to the needs of your organization, call the LifeShare office nearest you at (704) 512-3303 or (828) 665-0107. If you are interested in joining our Speaker's Bureau, we'd also like to hear from you.

Lots of opportunities are available to help in the office, to staff a booth at a health fair or to make presentations to community groups. Call us.

## PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

By making a donation to LifeShare, you can help to save lives by raising organ and tissue donation awareness. You may contribute in several ways.

In lieu of flowers, LifeShare may be designated as the organization to receive memorials for funerals. Contributions may also be made in the name of a transplant recipient, donor or other loved one. Each person who makes a contribution to LifeShare receives a thank you letter. A separate letter is sent to the family or person in whose honor the donation was made.

Please mail your check, payable to LifeShare, to the address on the back of the newsletter. All contributions are tax-deductible and are used for public education purposes.

## A LifeShare Friend Retires

LifeShare lost a true friend and advocate when Chaplain Anthony Reese retired in August from Carolinas Medical Center. He had served as a Staff Chaplain at the hospital for eight years, six of them often supporting LifeShare and families in crisis.

As the recipient of two transplants, no one understood better than Chaplain Reese the importance of organ and tissue donation. In 1988, he received a liver transplant which he said after a long wait helped him to gain "true faith". In 2003, he received the gift of a kidney from his niece.

A devoted husband and father of three, Chaplain Reese said he is overwhelmed with gratitude to his donors for the ability to see his children and grandchildren grow up. His commitment to faith and every family he worked with was always a source of pride and love. "I guess when I think of what Paul quotes of Jesus, It really is more blessed to give than receive," he said.

In retirement, Chaplain Reese plans to continue to Pastor a church in South Carolina and to do a lot of fishing. We wish him well. He will be missed.

**SUBMITTED BY TOM ASPENWALL AND ALICIA WALLACE SMITH, LIFESHARE FAMILY SUPPORT COORDINATORS**



Bill Trahan (seated), a liver transplant recipient and Partner with Carroll Financial Associates, a financial planning firm, is pictured here signing-up Kevin Bowyer as an organ donor at an NCAA Football Kickoff benefitting LifeShare. The Men's Night Out event was held at Carmel Country Club on September 1, 2011.

## LIFESHARE STAFFERS

### *Making the Grade*

Congratulations to Lori Johnson-Columbus and Nikki Dotson-Lorello who were certified by the American Board of Transplant Certification. Both of these staffers successfully passed the certification exam earning the title of Certified Procurement Transplant Coordinators and getting some new letters behind their names (CPTC).

We are also pleased to announce that Amy Flowe, Christy Hudson and Yolanda Moore recently passed the American Society of Quality's training course, the industry standard for those working in the field of quality improvement. Please join us in congratulating all of these valued employees for their accomplishments.

LifeShare gratefully acknowledges the commitment of all nurses and other medical personnel who help to further the ideals of organ and tissue donation. It is through their efforts and the generosity of donor family members that donation occurs. When comparing statistics, please note that not all hospitals have the same donor potential.

**DONOR STATISTICS BY HOSPITAL**  
**April–June 2011**

Hospital	Eye	Organ	Tissue
Angel	0	0	0
Anson	1	0	0
Asheville Specialty	0	0	0
Carolinas Medical Center (CMC)	15	13	14
CMC - Lincoln	7	0	7
CMC - Mercy	2	0	1
CMC - NorthEast	8	1	2
CMC - Pineville	3	1	2
CMC - Union	1	0	2
CMC - University	0	0	0
Cherokee	1	0	0
Cleveland	3	0	2
Gaston	16	3	9
Grace	2	0	1
Harris	3	0	1
Haywood	2	0	1
Highlands-Cashiers	0	0	0
Kings Mountain	1	0	1
Lake Norman	3	0	1
Mission - St. Joseph's	16	10	14
Murphy	1	0	1
Pardee	2	0	0
Park Ridge	1	0	1
Presbyterian	3	1	3
Presbyterian Huntersville	1	0	1
Presbyterian Matthews	4	0	1
Rutherford	2	0	2
St. Luke's	0	0	0
Stanly	2	0	0
Swain	1	0	1
Transylvania	0	0	0
Valdese	0	0	0
VA Medical	1	0	0

# Quilt of Life

LifeShare is pleased to offer donor family members a special way to remember their loved ones—through our memorial quilts, the Quilts of Life.

We display the quilts in our office and at special events designed to promote organ and tissue donation. Squares are added to the quilts at least once a year, usually in the spring in time for National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Month.

If you would like to add a square in memory of your loved one, visit our web site at [lifesharecarolinas.org](http://lifesharecarolinas.org) for size dimensions, a release form and other details. You may also call us for additional information at (704) 512-3303.

We look forward to receiving additional squares and to sharing the memory of your loved one with others.

# LifeShare

*Of The Carolinas*

5000-D Airport Center Parkway  
Charlotte, NC 28208

## Volunteer Training Workshop Scheduled for November

LifeShare is pleased to announce that registration is now open for our upcoming volunteer workshop. The workshop is geared to anyone who has an interest in increasing the number of people who say “yes” to donation, particularly donor family members, transplant recipients and healthcare professionals.

We are excited that Tiffany Christensen, a two-time lung recipient and professional speaker, will conduct the section on presenting your story. Tiffany has spoken at several meetings in North Carolina and throughout the United States, most recently to rave reviews at the National Conference of the North American Transplant Coordinators Organization.

To make it convenient for everyone to attend, the workshop will be held on a Saturday. The date is November 19, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the Carolinas HealthCare System Training Center, 5039 Airport Center Drive in Charlotte, across the street from LifeShare’s main office.

There is no cost to attend but registration is required. To reserve your materials, contact Jennifer McCarn at (704) 512-3303 or [Jennifer.mccarn@carolinas.org](mailto:Jennifer.mccarn@carolinas.org).

