



Transplant Times

Organ Transplant Awareness Program
February 2021

Promoting Organ Donor Awareness; Supporting the Transplant Community

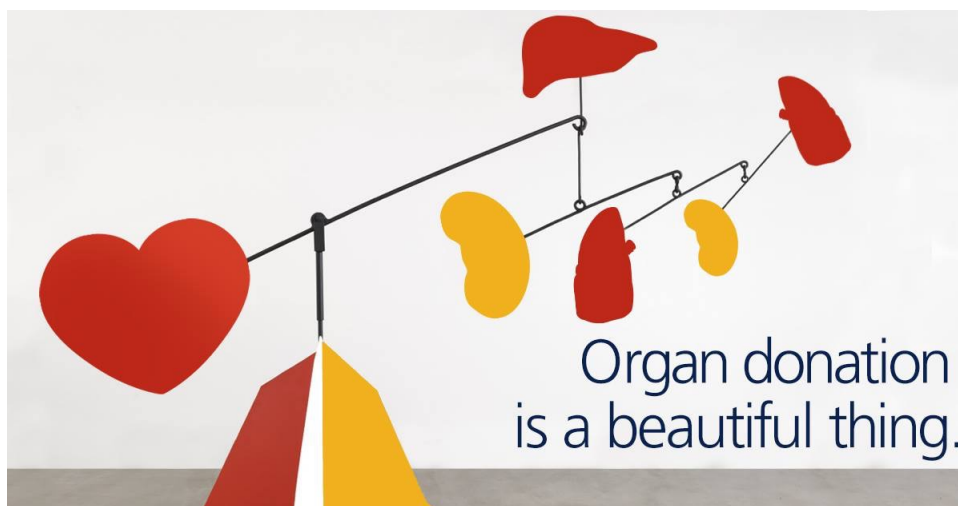
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The Support group will be meeting Friday, February 5th from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. please email me for details rioreal@earthlink.net.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I have received the "go ahead" to get the vaccine from my transplant center. Please reach out to your centers for advice. I will be doing a few extra labs after I receive the vaccine. One member conveyed that she received hers and is doing well. I hope that by the end of the year we can resume our activities. We will regroup at that time and formulate a plan to continue our mission. Please let me know if you would like to be involved at that time.

The deadline for the scholarship essays is February 14th.

As I approach my 6th anniversary I am more committed than ever to helping people on their transplant journey and advocating for organ donation.
- Evelyn



Transplant Recipient Anniversary

Evelyn Rivera

2nd Liver Transplant

February 25, 2015 6 years

**National Donor Day
February 14**

Share the Love. Register Today.



Annual record trend continues for deceased organ donation, deceased donor transplants

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2020 | Most lives ever saved by deceased donors



In 2020, for the tenth year in a row, organ donation from deceased donors in the United States set an all-time record. A total of 12,587 people provided one or more organs to save and enhance the lives of others, representing an increase of six percent over 2019, according to preliminary data from the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

Organ transplants from deceased donors, totaling 33,309 in 2020, also set another annual record for the eighth consecutive year. This occurred despite significant adverse effects from the COVID-19 pandemic, where deceased donor transplantation briefly fell by approximately 50 percent in early April before returning to a more consistent baseline in late May.

"Over the past year, the organ donation and transplantation system has been impacted in unprecedented and unimaginable ways," said David Mulligan, M.D., President of the OPTN Board of Directors. "To again set a record for deceased donor transplants shows the amazing resilience of our organ procurement organizations and transplant hospitals. We continue to work together to improve a system that is committed every day to ensure transplants for all those in need. Most importantly, we are all indebted to our donors and donor families for their dedication to save lives."

The number of living donor transplants performed was affected more significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many transplant programs temporarily deferred living donor transplantation in areas particularly affected by outbreaks of the virus due to concerns of unnecessarily exposing potential living donors and living donor recipients to possible COVID-19 infection. A total of 5,725 living donor transplants were performed in 2020, a decrease of 22.6 percent over the record of 7,397 set in 2019. Living donor transplants since June of 2020 have occurred at rates more similar to pre-pandemic activity.

As a result of the decline in living donor transplantation, an overall total of 39,034 transplants were performed in the United States from both living and deceased donors. This represents the second-highest annual total of overall transplants but is a slight decrease from the record of 39,719 set in 2019.



Organ Transplant Awareness Program Organ Donation Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors!

This is an essay contest sponsored by Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico. This year there will be two \$500 scholarships awarded to New Mexico high school seniors. The awards are in memory of Betty Montoya, kidney recipient and Jaime Munoz, double lung recipient.

The purpose of the scholarship program is to promote organ and tissue donation as an important social responsibility while assisting New Mexico youth with higher education. Currently 800 New Mexicans await life-saving organ transplants. Unfortunately, many of these candidates will die before suitable organs and/or tissues become available. By increasing awareness of organ and tissue donation, we help people make informed decisions about registering to be an organ donor.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior attending public, private or home school in New Mexico from Socorro north.
- Have a grade point average of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- Intend to enroll in an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school.

TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. Complete the attached application.
2. You may choose to write your essay on either of two topics:
 - a.) A Personal Story involving organ transplant or tissue donation.
 - b.) An Informative Essay on organ transplant or tissue donation.
3. All essays must be a **minimum** 2 full pages, 1" margins, double-spaced, 12 pt. Times Roman font, **plus** a title page with applicant's name, essay title and state either "Personal" or "Informative".

SELECTION PROCESS

- An impartial selection committee will evaluate each application and essay. Upon review of all applications, the final committee will select the winning essays for awards.

Awards will be sent to the institution the student plans to attend upon verification of enrollment. The award may be utilized for school related expenses (tuition, fees or books) Recipients will need to provide photo identification, college student ID and address of college's financial aid office. Please feel free to make copies and distribute to teachers, counselors, and students. Also, please post in the teacher's lounge, counseling offices, and on websites.



Essay Contest Application Form

Deadline February 14, 2021

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip Code _____ Email _____ Phone _____

High School _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

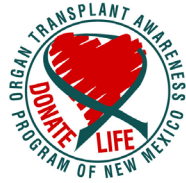
Description of extra-curricular activities (school and /or community)

List the College, University, Vocational, or Technical school you plan to attend.

Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and ambitions (you may add another page)

The Scholarship process restarts and is announced annually each December.

Please email your essay as a Microsoft Word Document organdonation@otapnm.com with “**OTAP Scholarship Essay**” in the subject field. Note: All essays will become the property of the Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico, Inc. for the purpose of future publication in any media format. Your award will be sent to your college’s the financial aid office. The winning Scholarship essays will be published on our website, OTAPNM.COM and used for promotional purposes.



2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address for organization communications only _____

_____ I would prefer to receive the newsletter electronically.

_____ \$15 Individual membership _____ \$25 Family membership _____ donation

All contributions are tax deductible

Please make checks payable and mail to: **OTAP,**
PO Box 37217
Albuquerque, NM 87176

_____ **Candidate:** Organ/Tissue Type: _____ Date Listed _____/_____/_____

_____ **Recipient:** Organ/Tissue Type: _____ Date Received _____/_____/_____

2nd transplant date –month day year: _____/_____/_____

_____ **Donor/member of a Donor Family:** Name _____ Organ/Tissue Type _____

Recipient _____ Transplant date –month/day/year: _____/_____/_____

_____ **Friend of OTAP**

Opportunities - Please check all that apply:

I would like to volunteer: promotional events _____ fundraising events _____

Personal information such as phone number _____ and address _____ may be shared with others.

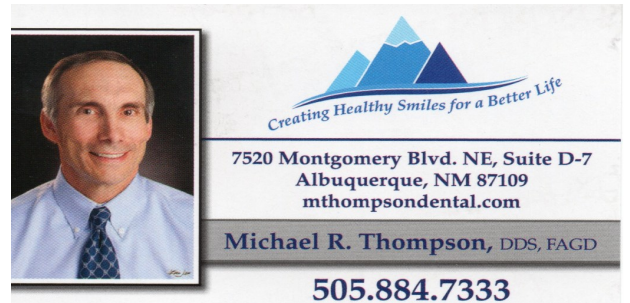
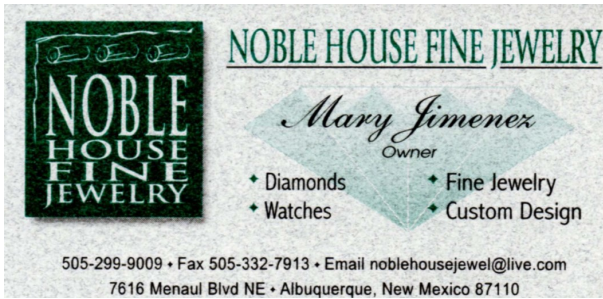
I am interested in working with the scholarship team _____ newsletter team _____ support group _____

I only want to receive the monthly newsletter. _____

Suggestions _____

_____ **Newsletter Sponsor (\$100 Annual Donation)** please send business card for ad in newsletter

Thank You for your support!



108,682

*people need a lifesaving organ transplant total waiting list candidates . f those
6 people are active waiting list candidates. As of ctober*

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Sign in to Amazon Smile and select Organ Transplant Awareness Program of New Mexico.

Amazon will make a donation to OTAP quarterly.

Or copy and paste this address to your browser:

Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3654972>

OTAP Mission Statement

The mission of Organ Transplant Awareness Program is to promote organ donation and support transplant community members including transplant candidates, donor families, living organ donors, transplant recipients, and transplant families. We promote organ donation by participating in a variety of community events. Our support group meets one time per month with those who need support or are seeking information about the transplant process.

