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TRILLIUM GIFT OF LIFE NETWORK BELIEVES RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AUDITOR GENERAL WILL BUILD ON SUCCESS ALREADY ACHIEVED

TORONTO, ON – Trillium Gift of Life Network welcomes the recommendations from the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario to further elevate Ontario’s organ and tissue donation performance.

Since its establishment in 2002, Trillium Gift of Life Network has led a 59 per cent increase in deceased organ donors, a record which exceeds other Canadian jurisdictions and many American jurisdictions. In terms of tissue donations like bones, eye, skin and heart valves, Trillium Gift of Life Network has led a 61 per cent increase from 2007/08 to 2009/10.

“We are proud of our record and we continue to work in earnest to do more to save and enhance the lives of Ontarians waiting for organ and tissue transplants,” said Frank Markel, President and CEO of Trillium Gift of Life Network. “Trillium Gift of Life Network is committed to working closely with the government and its other partners to implement the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario’s recommendations. Some of these recommendations have been implemented and others are already underway.”

In addition, Trillium Gift of Life Network remains focused on raising the number of registered donors, which as at March 31, 2010 was over 17.5 per cent of Ontarians 16 years and older. Trillium Gift of Life Network encourages Ontarians to register their consent to donate organs and tissues at a ServiceOntario center or by downloading and filling out a Gift of Life Consent Form from www.giftoflife.on.ca and mailing it to the address on the form.

For more information about Trillium Gift of Life Network, please visit www.giftoflife.on.ca. You can also call (416) 363-4001 or toll free 1-800-263-2833.

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Trillium Gift of Life Network is a not-for-profit agency of the Government of Ontario and is responsible for planning, promoting, coordinating and supporting organ and tissue donation across Ontario and improving the system so that more lives can be saved.

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