

Media Advisory

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Niagara Health System Presented Hospital Achievement Award

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is proud to award Niagara Health System (NHS) with a hospital achievement award for its commitment to organ and tissue donation.

NHS was presented with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for exceeding the target set by TGLN. In 2014/2015 70 per cent of potential donors referred by the hospital went on to give the gift of life. Organ donation is a complex process, and this impressive conversion rate reflects how well TGLN and NHS work together to save lives.

Ann Nagypal, RN, has also been awarded the Tissue Champion Award, given to healthcare professionals who are active advocates for tissue donation. Ann has been an instrumental resource for ocular recoveries in the Greater Niagara Region for several years.

There are 1,600 people in Ontario waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and every three days someone dies waiting. Register your consent for organ and tissue donation at BeADonor.ca and talk to your family about your wishes.

Quick facts:

- Donation and transplant statistics are available by hospital at: www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm
- One donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of 75 more through the gift of tissue.
- Everyone is a potential organ and tissue donor. To date, the oldest Canadian organ donor was 92, and the oldest tissue donor was over 100.

Media are invited to contact TGLN for more information on organ and tissue donation in Ontario, or to learn more about the awards.

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