

Media Advisory

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Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre Presented Hospital Achievement Award

TORONTO – Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) is proud to award Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) with a hospital achievement award for its commitment to organ and tissue donation.

RVH was presented with the Provincial Conversion Rate Award for exceeding the target set by TGLN in 2014/2015. Organ donation is a complex process, and this accomplishment reflects how well TGLN and RVH work together to save lives.

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. Barrie has a registration rate of 42 per cent, above the provincial average of 29 per cent.

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.