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ONTARIO UPHOLDS THRIVING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION CULTURE

TORONTO - Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGLN) today announced another strong donation performance by Ontario hospitals for the second quarter of the 2017/2018 fiscal year (July 1 – September 30, 2017). Hospitals reached a 95 per cent routine notification rate and a 58 per cent conversion rate furthering the province's commitment to building a culture of organ and tissue donation.

A hospital's routine notification rate measures the percentage at which a hospital notifies TGLN of a potential organ and/or tissue donation after a patient has died. Eleven out of 69 hospital corporations, three more than the previous quarter, achieved a 100 per cent routine notification rate:

- Bluewater Health (Sarnia)
- Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (Ottawa)
- Headwaters Health Care Centre (Orangeville)
- Huron Perth Health Alliance (Stratford)
- Kirkland and District Hospital (Kirkland Lake)
- Lake of the Woods District Hospital
- Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute
- West Nipissing General Hospital

Donation performance is also measured by a hospital's conversion rate, which calculates the number of potential organ donors who became actual organ donors. Nineteen out of 55 hospital corporations met or exceeded the target of a 58 per cent conversion rate set by Trillium Gift of Life Network:

- Grand River Hospital (Kitchener-Waterloo)
- Hamilton Health Sciences
- Health Sciences North (Sudbury)
- Hôpital Montfort (Ottawa)
- Kingston Health Sciences Centre
- Markham Stouffville Hospital
- London Health Sciences Centre
- Niagara Health System

- North York General Hospital
- Pembroke Regional Hospital
- Peterborough Regional Health Centre
- Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (Barrie)
- St. Michael's Hospital (Toronto)
- The Ottawa Hospital
- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre
- Timmins and District Hospital
- University of Ottawa Heart Institute
- William Osler Health System (Brampton and Etobicoke)
- Windsor Regional Hospital

To see the data by hospital and region, visit: www.giftoflife.on.ca/en/publicreporting.htm.

The commitment by Trillium Gift of Life Network's hospital partners has led to a marked increase in donation and transplant. However, despite the increase, the need for transplant continues to outweigh the number of organs available for transplant.

Register or learn more about organ and tissue donation at www.BeADonor.ca. One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and enhance the lives of up to 75 more through the gift of tissue.

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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.