Join Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC’s Transplant Services and the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) as we celebrate the gift of life throughout April to spotlight organ donation and encourage others to register as organ donors. A single organ, tissue, and eye donor has the potential to save eight lives and help more than 50 people. All events are free and open to past and present transplant recipients, living-donors, their loved ones, and hospital staff.

Donate Life T-Shirts
Donate Life t-shirts will be on sale during the month in recognition of Organ Donor Awareness Month. Employees may purchase the shirts through their Manager or Unit Director or by contacting Bernadette Ali at Bernadette.ali@chp.edu or 412-692-7140. Cash or payroll deduction will be accepted. All proceeds will be donated to the Patient and Family Assistance Fund through Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. Staff who purchase one of these limited-edition t-shirts may wear it every Friday in the month of April in recognition of organ donation.

APRIL 5
Blood Drive
8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Eat N Park Atrium
Donations are critical to maintain a good regional blood supply. Join with Transplant Services and support the blood drive at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC.

APRIL 6
Donate Life Flag Raising Ceremony
3 p.m., Eat N Park Atrium
Join us as we kick off National Donate Life Month with the annual flag raising ceremony and refreshments. Speakers include leaders from Children’s Transplant Services, patients, and a donor family. A donor registration table will be present for anyone interested in registering to become an organ donor.

APRIL 13
Blue and Green Day
National Donate Life Blue and Green Day honors those touched by organ, tissue, and eye donation. Employees are encouraged to wear their green and blue colors in recognition of organ donation.

APRIL 18
International Transplant Nurses’ Day
Help us honor our talented and dedicated team of transplant nurses. We commend them for a job well done. Post a message to Children’s Facebook page about your experience with a transplant nurse.

APRIL 21
ENCORE Teen and Caregiver Event
Join other teens and young adults who are transplant recipients for an afternoon of fun at the ENCORE selfie scavenger hunt. For more details, please contact Jonathan Szolna by email at jonathan.szolna@chp.edu.

APRIL 27
Patient Parade
10 a.m., Eat N Park Atrium
Celebrate the gift of life with Children’s Hospital. We encourage our transplant recipients to return to the hospital on Friday, April 27 to thank their health care team and staff who helped to give them a second chance at life. Transplant recipients will parade from the Atrium to inpatient units to show first-hand the importance of organ donation. Patients and families are asked to RSVP to 412-692-7140.

APRIL 28
Living Donor Celebration
UPMC Montefiore, LHAS Auditorium
This event brings together transplant recipients and living donors to celebrate the ultimate gift of life. Children’s staff, transplant recipients, and donors will share their stories of hope. This event is by invitation only.

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#donatelife