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Kansas Organ and Tissue Donor Registry Launches

Midwest Transplant Network Unveils New Online, First-Person Authorization

*Registry Statewide: **DonateLifeKansas.com***

Westwood, Kan. (Nov. 11, 2010) – The statewide Kansas Organ and Tissue Donor Registry website officially launched yesterday. New to the state of Kansas, the registry is now online and is first-person authorization status. Anyone with a Kansas address can sign up to be an organ and tissue donor at www.DonateLifeKansas.com.

“It’s an exciting day in Kansas two-fold – now people can register online as organ and tissue donors, and know that their designation will be honored through the first-person authorization registry,” said Rob Linderer, Midwest Transplant Network CEO. “Kansans who registered prior to July 1, 2010 should go to www.DonateLifeKansas.com to rejoin and update their authorization status.”

Midwest Transplant Network hosts and maintains the Kansas Organ and Tissue Donor Registry, which [became first-person authorization in July of this year](#). Missouri residents have been able to join the state’s first-person authorization, online registry since 2008 at www.DonateLifeMissouri.com.

“We hope that more people join their statewide organ and tissue donor registries – more than 500 Kansans and 1,700 Missourians await life-saving organ transplants, and every donor can potentially save seven lives through organ donation and improve up to 50 lives through tissue donation,” said Linderer.

In addition to the online registries, both Kansas and Missouri honor first-person authorization registry designations through legally-binding documents including a signed donor card or back of the driver’s license, will or donor symbol on the front of the driver’s license.

About Midwest Transplant Network

Midwest Transplant Network is an organ procurement organization, (OPO) founded in 1973. The not-for-profit corporation serves Kansas and the western two-thirds of Missouri. Its mission is to save lives through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Midwest Transplant Network strives to educate and inform the community about the need for transplantation. For more information, call 1-888-744-4531, or visit <http://www.mwtn.org>.

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