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Keeping the Faith

Dear Readers,

Hope: the act of "look[ing] forward to something with desire and reasonable confidence" (Wikipedia). There are nearly 1000 people in Kentucky who are "hoping" for a second chance at life. By adding my name to the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry, I am spreading hope. There is only a 1% chance that I will be an organ donor. However by adding my name to the Registry I am saying I would be an organ donor, if I could. Each time the Registry increases by just one name, hope for those on the waiting list is increased exponentially. If you are not already on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry, give some hope. Sign up today at www.trustforlife.org or say yes when you visit your Circuit Court Clerk's office to renew your driver's license.



-Linda Avery, Calloway Circuit Clerk President, KY Circuit Court Clerks' Trust For Life

Paige West is a beautiful 17 year old and the daughter of Shannon "Bud" and Tiffeny West, from McCreary County. Paige has suffered from cystic fibrosis since birth. The disease also affects Paige's older sister, Whitney. Her two cousins are also affected but to a lesser extent. She lost an aunt to CF as well. By the time Paige was 12, she had lost 60% of her lung function.

Uplifting News

After waiting several years, the moment arrived with news that a donor for Paige was found. The family knows nothing about the circumstances which led to their miracle, but offers up many prayers for the donor's loved ones. The family has a strong faith and feels blessed for this gift.

Celebrating Life

After the surgery Paige was able to walk and text her friends the very next day and has since continued to improve. Paige is back to school and going to slumber parties with friends. She loves to sing but had not been able to do so in years. She is grateful for this gift, and she looks forward to many wonderful years celebrating life. She is always saying, 'Keep the faith…that's all it takes.'



Paige with McCreary Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk, Othel King.



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Welcome the New Circuit Clerks



"In Bullitt County last year, I personally knew two people who received life-saving organ donations. Two years ago, my 16 year old nephew was involved in a car accident and became a donor of many organs. Although his loss was devastating to the family, there was solace in knowing that he continues to live on in so many other individuals."
-Paulita Keith, Bullitt County Circuit Court Clerk



Circuit Court Clerks at the Circuit Clerk Orientation in December '12.



"I consider it a blessing to be involved with the Trust for Life. I have seen through a close family member the difference organ and tissue donation can make so it is an honor any time my office can register someone."
-Doris K. Ward, Jackson County Circuit Court Clerk

"I am excited to become involved because it is a program that is run professionally, but more importantly to me, knowing people who have received an organ donation and now are living a healthy life. Giving them hope is why I am happy to be involved."
-Darlene Snyder, Madison County Circuit Court Clerk



Darlene Snyder, far right, with her Madison Co. staff after a Trust For Life training luncheon. The staff learned about registry and organ donation.



"I look forward to being involved with the Trust to have the opportunity to raise awareness for the need of organ donation and the impact you could have on someone's life after you are gone."
-Camron Laycock, Muhlenberg County Circuit Court Clerk

Camron Laycock and staff with two transplant recipients.

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LaRue Co. helps save lives! Giving hearts and hope.

My Heart Gives Hope

Circuit Clerks and deputies who watched the online training module received "Be Iconic" shirts promoting the new organ donor heart.

Since January 2013, anyone who wants to add their name to the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry will have the option of having a small blue heart with the words "Organ Donor" printed on the front of his or her driver's license. The new blue icon printed on the license replaces the orange dot sticker. Every heart printed gives Hope to 117,000 patients waiting for an organ transplant. The heart will emphasize that it's not about signing the back of your license anymore. It's about saying 'Yes' and joining the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry while renewing.



Tanya Terry, Montgomery Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.



Melissa Cardwell, Butler Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.

Below, Micheline Whittaker, Ohio Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.

Bottom, Rebecca Howard, Lyon Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.





Tommy Garrett, Metcalfe Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.



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Dr. Shelton's Story of Hope

The Journey to a Donor's Heart



Dr. Charles Shelton was a very active, full-time practicing psychiatrist in excellent health for 21 years. Just two weeks before his onset of heart failure, he was able to swim 1.2 miles. "I have always enjoyed family, swimming, mountain biking, and scuba diving. My symptoms began in 2010. I started having fatigue and shortness of breath when walking rapidly or up hills," explains Dr. Shelton.



The Journey Begins

After a routine surgery, Dr. Shelton was in the recovery room. He went into complete heart block. He required a pacemaker, implantable cardio-verter-defibrillator, and many medications. Dr. Shelton lost vision in his left eye and continued to decline. Within 6 months, he had progressed to end stage heart failure. "I was told there was nothing else that could be done for me to live except a heart transplant."

On December 26, 2011 Dr. Shelton received the news that his life would be saved.

"I was taken to pre op with my wife and boys by my side. The anesthesiologist and his assistant said a prayer at my request before I was taken to the operating room. Later that evening I remember awakening and being intubated. I was breathing well enough on my own that the endotracheal tube was removed. I will never forget that first breath. I immediately knew I had a new heart as I could breathe so deep and effortlessly. My life was saved through the altruistic and unselfish act of Organ Donation."

Living Through Hope

"On the third day after surgery, I was able to walk a mile around the hospital. Just nine days after surgery, I was discharged home. I have not been hospitalized since. I am alive and have the privilege and honor of being with my wife and guiding my teenage sons into adulthood. I am walking and swimming on a regular basis."

Dr. Shelton thought about the importance of donation before learning he would need a transplant. "Four months before developing heart failure, I officially became a registered organ donor while renewing my driver's license at the Fayette County Circuit Clerks' Office."

Everyone can join the Kentucky Donor Registry while obtaining a license or state ID at their county's Circuit Court Clerk's office.

Dr. Shelton's message to the public is simple - "The decision to donate has saved and restored my life and so we have to acknowledge, respect and be indebted to the donor and/or individuals making this life saving decision. Many people continue to die in this country each day while waiting for lifesaving organ transplants due to a shortage of organ donors including in the state of Kentucky. Please do your part to save lives as was done for me by educating yourself and becoming an organ donor at www.donatelifeky.org or by saying 'Yes' to joining the Registry next time you renew your license."

Top left, Dr. Shelton with oldest son in front of Gift of Life exhibit. The exhibit is several full length canvases that tell the stories of UK Healthcare organ recipients' journeys and honor the donors that gave them a second chance. Above, Dr. Shelton's sons.

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Three Moms, One Mission

Miraculous Moms Taking Part in the Program



A younger Riley at the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games.

Three Lexington moms were first in line at the Fayette Co. Circuit Court Clerk office to print the new organ donor heart on their driver's licenses. These miraculous moms hope that the new heart will raise awareness for the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Each of these courageous women has a special reason for wanting to take part in the program.

Waiting for a Match

Braxton Upthegrove, son of Michelle Upthegrove, had his first kidney transplant at six. After 9 years, Braxton is now 15 and waiting for another kidney transplant. "When he was young, the importance in taking care of him, the fear of losing him, and all the doctors appointments overwhelmed me. I did not educate myself about what needed to be done. Over time I have had the chance to meet and talk to other families going through this. I realize the mission of organ donation is much bigger than my family and me." Michelle says that her son's medical history has made it even harder to find a match. "I need to stand up and speak out about donation and educate people. That is why I am happy to be a part of the campaign that we have kicked off," says Michelle. "It's the best thing that anybody can do."

A Heart Gives Hope

Brandi Speck knows how it feels to wait. Her son, Riley, was diagnosed with a terminal heart condition as a baby. Doctors said he was going to die within two years without a new heart. Brandi spoke about being a new mom, "You start your family, and you don't think about a tragedy, like a heart condition,

Thank you to the photographer, Briana Scroggins and to the Lexington Herald for their photographs.

Michelle, Brandi, Sarah, and Vince Riggs, Fayette County's Circuit Court Clerk





"To give the Gift of Life is immeasurable."

-Vince Riggs, Fayette County Circuit Court Clerk

Left: Sarah Gilbert and her son, Jacob. Jacob lost his life on the waiting list for a heart. Below left: Riley, Brandi & Sarah work to save lives of patients in need.





"Somebody you love could need an organ tomorrow."

-Brandi Speck, mother of Riley Speck, Heart Recipient

hitting your child. You hear about it happening to other people but never think that it's going to happen to you. I'm here as proof that it can happen." Before her son was diagnosed, Brandi was not a registered organ donor. "I was kind of afraid to make that commitment. After going through this with my son, I have 100% changed my mind and put my name on the Registry. I also had all of my family members and friends join." Riley received his transplant in 2006. He's now 8 years old and enjoying life with his parents, little sister, and dog. Brandi continues to educate people and promote organ donation. She hopes that more people will ask questions after seeing the new icon. She believes the more people that know about organ donation, the more patients could be saved. "Next time you go to renew your license, sign up for the organ donor registry, get the blue heart and save a life."

Changing Lives

Sarah Gilbert also assisted the Trust For Life in kicking off the new organ donor heart in Fayette County. Sarah got the blue heart on her license in honor of Jacob, her son. Jacob had a heart condition that did not have a cure. He was on the waiting list for 16 months. Jacob desperately needed a heart transplant. "We stayed close to home. We did everything we could to have fun with him, and we tried to keep him healthy. He had an 8 year old brother and a 6 year old sister so we did everything we could to give them memories with him." A donor could not be found. "We waited on the heart. We didn't get it. We lost our son." Jacob was just 4 years old.

"I know that there are other children out there waiting," Sarah told us. Before her son's experience, she admits that she was not a registered organ donor. Sarah told us that even working in the medical field, she never thought to join the Registry. Now, she and her family tell others about how registering your family can save lives. Today, over 118,000 patients wait for a transplant. Every day, 18 patients die waiting. Sarah explains, "Even one more person joining the Registry, can save someone. One person can change an entire family's life dramatically."

1. Say "yes" when you get a license or ID at your county's Circuit Court Clerk's office.
2. Join anytime! www.donatelifeky.org
3. Tell your family & friends how important it is to register now. Be hope!

Do you have questions about registering?

Call toll-free 1-866-945-5433. GIVE HOPE to moms like Michelle, Sarah and Brandi.

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GIFT OF LIFE STORIES

Rev. Ferrill R. Davis, Sr.

TRIMBLE COUNTY RECIPIENT



Rev. Davis and Trimble Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk Stacy Bruner and staff.

"When I was in my 50's, I learned my heart was in bad shape. Before I knew it, they were telling me I was in full-blown heart failure. I couldn't work anymore. I could barely walk across the room without having to sit down. My life was deteriorating. My heart was only beating at 30%.

I was in the hospital for 53 days. With my wife and sons by my side, I was told that a heart transplant would be my only chance to survive. They didn't think I would get a heart transplant in time so, thanks to the wonder of modern research and medicine, I would have to wear a type of battery-operated device. It's called an L-VAD. When I was finally approved to have the L-VAD surgery, they told my wife and sons that my heart was only beating at 5%. A few days longer, and I would not be here today.

Our family knew that many people were praying for us. We needed it…and it worked. Six months later, I received my new healthy heart from a 30 year old man that lost his life due to an accident.

Since my transplant, I have been able to go back to work as a Pastor here in Trimble County. I have seen our grandchildren grow up. I have also had the honor of meeting my donor's family. I learned that they lost a child who needed a kidney transplant, many years ago. Since then, the family has understood the importance of donation. They were proud that their loved one was able to donate – and he saved 5 lives.

I encourage everyone to be a registered organ donor. If someone in your family needed a transplant, wouldn't you want them to receive it? There aren't enough of us signed up to save lives."

Sallie Wilson

MONTGOMERY COUNTY RECIPIENT



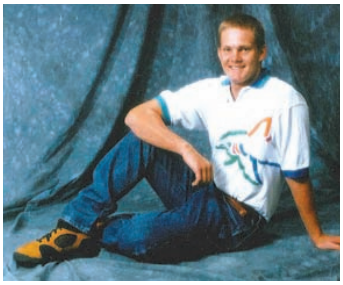
Sallie Wilson, far right, with other Montgomery Co. residents proudly showing the heart on their license. Right, Sallie's son, Jimmy, gave the gift of life in 1996.

"Donation has touched my life in many ways. A few years after my mother, who was a donor, passed away my son got his driver's license. I remember him coming home and saying that when he's gone, he's not going to need them, and if someone else does then he'd like to help them.

He passed away in 1996, and our son became a tissue donor and helped more than 50 people. I began volunteering with the mission of donation, never realizing how much my life would depend on it.

In 2006, my kidneys and pancreas were failing. I was put on the transplant waiting list and received my kidney/pancreas transplant on February 12, 2007.

I say this, not only as a recipient, but as a donor family member, that organ donation saves and enhances lives. I hope everyone joins the KY Organ Donor Registry today."



Share Your Story With Us!

http://www.trustforlife.org/share-your-gift-of-life-story

Crossword Solutions:

1. Transplant
2. Join
3. Orange
4. Educational
5. Name
6. Calloway
7. Awareness
8. Tissues
9. Waiting
10. Liver
11. Communities
12. Lives
13. Eyes
14. Kentucky
15. Clerks

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Community Outreach



Boyd Co. Circuit Clerk, Linda Kay Baker, and her staff won a trophy for their Gift of Life Parade float.



Patricia Lay, Wayne Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff wearing their blue and green in April for Donate Life month.



Rick Rash, Oldham Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff celebrates adding 28,000 names to the organ donor registry since inception in 2007.



Students at Mercer County Intermediate School raised over $200 for the KY Circuit Clerks' Trust For Life. *Pictured here are 9 children from the Leadership Team at Mercer Intermediate along with Principal Dana Cobb and Mercer Co. Circuit Clerk Beth Neal.*





Brandi Duvall, Warren Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk, above, set up a Girls Day Out event in Bowling Green and raised up to $200 for Trust For Life. Middle, The Circuit Clerks spread organ donor awareness across the world.



Parker's Penny Drive raised thousands for the Satterwhite Fund. Sister Michael Marie Friedman, Principal, Shelley Snyder, Parker Bowman (Loretta's grandson), and Loretta Crady, Hardin Circuit Clerk.



The Gift of Life Challenge is put on by the Donate Life KY team to encourage fans to join the KY Organ Donor Registry. This year U of L took home the trophy. *Roger Schott, Laurel Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk, left, Dr. James Ramsey, President of University of Louisville, Genny Clifford and Dara Heavrin, Donate Life Champions.*



Harrison Circuit Clerk, Kathy Kearns, and staff educating about donation at a community health fair.

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LISTS OF TOP 10 CONGRATS!

Everyone obtaining a license or ID can donate $1 to raise awareness about organ donation. Congrats to the Top 10 counties in collecting dollar donations!

Oct. 2012
1 Magoffin
2 Woodford
2 Morgan
3 Johnson
4 Floyd
5 Washington
6 Ballard
6 Livingston
7 Caldwell
8 Oldham
9 Franklin
10 Breckinridge

Nov. 2012
1 Floyd
1 Woodford
2 Cumberland
3 Washington
4 Magoffin
5 Morgan
6 Johnson
7 Livingston
8 Ballard
9 Breathitt
10 Union

Dec. 2012
1 Morgan
2 Magoffin
3 Ballard
4 Johnson
5 Floyd
6 Washington
7 Russell
8 Caldwell
9 Breckinridge
10 Union

Jan. 2013
1 Magoffinn
2 Woodford
2 Floyd
3 Washington
4 Caldwell
4 Union
5 Morgan
6 Oldham
7 Crittenden 8 Johnson
9 Powell
10 McLean

Feb. 2013
1 Magoffin
2* Woodford
2 Morgan
3 Ballard
4 Johnson
5 Caldwell
6 Wolfe
7 Powell
8 Floyd
9 Crittenden
10 Webster

March 2013
1 Magoffin
2 Ballard
2 Woodford*
3 Caldwell
4 Johnson
5 Floyd
6 Simpson
7 Union
8 Oldham
9 Owen
10 Powell
10 Washington
10 Webster

April 2013
1 Owen
2 Cumberland
3 Magoffin
4 Johnson
4 Woodford
5 Powell
6 Crittenden
6 Hancock
7 Morgan
8 Ballard
9 Caldwell
10 Simpson

May 2013
1 Magoffin
2 Woodford*
2 Powell
3 Wolfe
4 Ballard
5 Floyd
6 Crittenden
7 Trimble
8 Morgan
9 Johnson
10 Franklin

**Portion of dollars donated by Jack Kain Ford*



Stephanie King-Logsden, McLean Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.



Above, Penny Adams, Johnson Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.

Below, Sue Beaven, Union Co.'s Circuit Court Clerk and staff.



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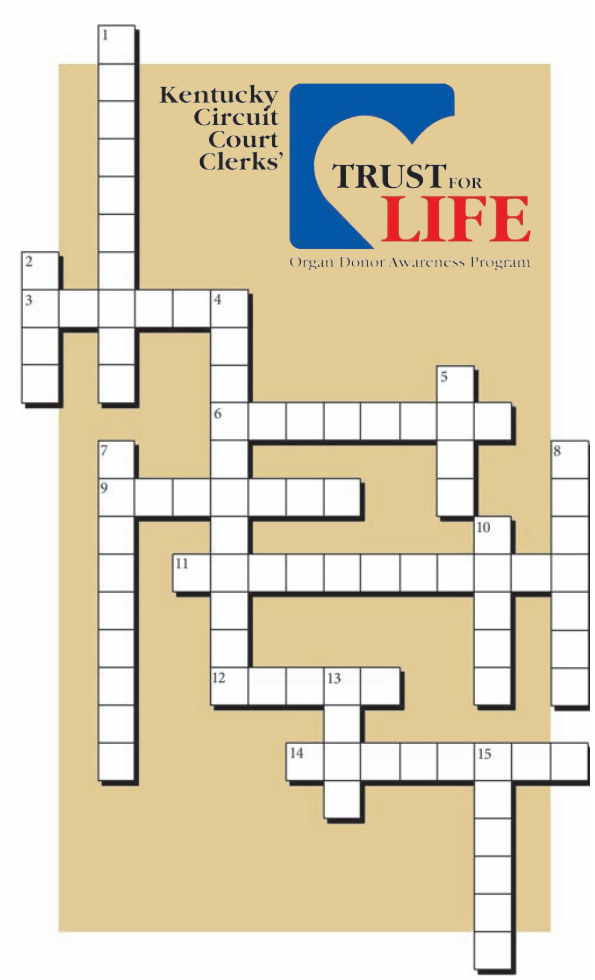
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MYTHS & FACTS



Across

3. You do not have to sign the back of your license or use an _____ donor dot.

6. Trust For Life Board President, Linda Avery, is the Circuit Court Clerk in _____ County.

9. More than 1,000 Kentuckians are currently on _____ lists for life-saving organ transplants.

11. Donations from individuals, _____ , and partners, like Kosair Charities, fund these educational efforts.

12. Anyone in Kentucky (with an ID or license) can join the Registry to state their wish to save _____ .

14. In 2010, 379 successful organ transplants were performed in _____ . It is estimated that twice as many could have been performed if more people said "YES" to donation.

Down

1. With more than 117,000 patients waiting for a life-saving_____ , support for organ donation is needed more than ever.

2. Through social media, newspaper, TV, magazines, and radio, the Trust touches every county in the Commonwealth to drive all Kentuckians to _____ the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry.

4. While renewing your license, Kentuckians can learn about donation through _____ pieces such as newsletters, leaflets, pens, calendars, posters and banners.

5. Individuals may indicate their wish to be a donor by placing their _____ on the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry when renewing their driver's license or state ID card at their local Circuit Court Clerk's office or by visiting www.DonateLifeKY.org.

7. The Trust's educational efforts encourage _____ of the crucial mission of organ donation and action to save more lives.

8. One individual donor can provide organs and _____ for more than 50 people in need.

10. Transplantable organs include the kidneys, heart, _____ , lungs, pancreas and small bowel.

13. Transplantable tissues include bone, cartilage, skin, _____ , heart valves, saphenous veins, tendons and ligaments.

15. The Circuit Court _____ of Kentucky are visionaries who have chosen to help all those in need of organ and tissue transplants.

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2012 Wrapup

TOP 10 Counties with the highest percentage of REGISTERED organ donors

Clark, Circuit Clerk Paula Joslin
Oldham, Circuit Clerk Rick Rash
Woodford, Circuit Clerk Christie Edwards
Kenton, Circuit Clerk John C. Middleton
Boone, Circuit Clerk Dianne Murray
Union, Circuit Clerk Sue W. Beaven
Campbell, Circuit Clerk Taunya Jack
Scott, Circuit Clerk Karen Boehm
Marshall, Circuit Clerk Carla Marshall
Caldwell, Circuit Clerk Danny Hooks

TOP 10 Counties Raising $1 donations for Organ Donor Awareness Program

Magoffin, Circuit Clerk Tonya Ward
Floyd, Circuit Clerk Doug Hall
Morgan, Circuit Clerk Donna Pelfrey
Johnson, Circuit Clerk Penny Adams
Union, Circuit Clerk Sue W. Beaven
Ballard, Circuit Clerk Holly Dunker
Caldwell, Circuit Clerk Danny Hooks
Washington, Circuit Clerk JoAnne Miller
Oldham, Circuit Clerk Rick Rash
Laurel, Circuit Clerk Roger L. Schott

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