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EYE DONATION MONTH A New View

This November, celebrate the new perspective on life that corneal transplant recipients experience after having their sight restored, and the change in viewpoint donor families express when the pain of a loved one's death is at least partially mitigated by the opportunity to share the gift of sight with someone in need of a transplant.



Staff Recognition: Abbi Mason

Abbi has worked for Miracles in Sight for three years, but she started her eye banking journey early in childhood. Her family was heavily involved in the Lions Club, an organization asked by Helen Keller to be knights against preventable blindness. Their Lions Club sponsored community events encouraging people to sign up to be eye donors. Abbi remembers dressing in a little lion costume to help draw attention to the cause. She often rode in the car up to Columbia with her grandparents to pick up corneas and deliver them to MUSC for transplant since the Lions would distribute cornea tissue across the state for the South Carolina Lions Eye Bank.

In 2003, her grandfather was the president of the eye bank when it merged with the OPO and tissue banks to become one organization, LifePoint. In 2007, Abbi began her donation career working for LifePoint, and had the great privilege of helping families through the donation process for 9 years. (can't p 3)



Abbi Mason,
Professional Development
Specialist, Eastern South Carolina,
and South Carolina Donate Life
Board Member

Eye Donation Month A New View (cont)

November is National Eye Donation Month, and we are inviting our partnering hospitals to join us for the First Annual **Pause for the Gift of Sight** to honor all of our eye donors and their families for their gifts of sight.



Join us on **Friday, November 11, 2022**, as we celebrate National Eye Donation Month with a Miracles In Sight flag-raising ceremony at **1:02 p.m.** followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of eye donors. The start time for this ceremony recognizes that one eye donor can give the gift of sight to two people

Contact your [Professional Development Specialist](#) to purchase a flag and get other materials for your facility's celebration. Follow us on socials for powerful stories, interesting information, and to help us celebrate our donors.

2022 Transplant Games

The 2022 Transplant Games of America was held in San Diego, July 29-Aug 3. TGA gives organ transplant recipients, bone marrow, corneal, and tissue transplant recipients, living donors, and donor families the opportunity to celebrate the lives of donors and recipients. It provides the entire Donate Life community to join in a shared mission to highlight the benefits of donation.

Team NC Small, but mighty famous! The [NC Transplant Athletes](#) were featured on the front page of the San Diego Union-Tribune on Sunday, July 31, 2022 for their participation in the parade. They were also highlighted on local news. Click [here](#) for that story. The team of 10 athletes won 25 medals in total!

Team SC Twenty-nine members of [Team South Carolina](#) journeyed to California where they were met with plenty of sunshine. TEAMSC includes 10 athletes who competed in over 12 sporting events. We are proud to announce all ten athletes medaled at the games!

Team TX has participated in the TGA as [Texas Life Warriors](#) since 2012. This year, their 28 team members took home 36 medals!

Miracles In Sight offers congratulations to Team SC, Team NC, and Team TX on their achievements!



Staff Recognition: Abbi Mason (con't)

Abbi has continued her family's legacy of service, being a member of the Lions Club for over 15 years. In 2022, she was appointed by the Governor to the Donate Life South Carolina Board, a first from Miracles In Sight. Abbi is proud of being a part of the Miracles In Sight mission, and she looks forward to positively impacting eye donation awareness in South Carolina.

On a personal level, she lives in a suburb of Charleston surrounded by fun events and great dining. Abbi enjoys exploring the city with her husband and daughter and they look forward to doing the same with their new addition to the family, expected in December!

National Minority Donation Awareness Events

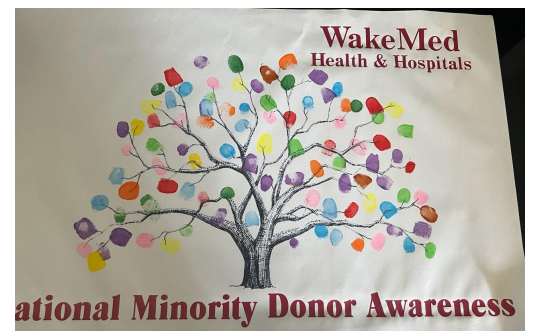
Cape Fear Valley August 19, 2022
Main Hospital Lobby

Visitors and staff were asked to take a brief quiz to test their knowledge of minority donation statistics. Once they completed a quiz, they were entered into a drawing to win one of several prizes. Participants also placed a thumbprint on our Tree of Life Canvas. Congratulations to all of the Winners!!!!



WakeMed Raleigh Hospital August 23, 2022
NMDA Event in Hospital Cafeteria

Visitors and staff were asked to place a thumbprint on the Tree of Life and were provided information about the great need for more minorities to become registered donors.



Gospel Fest 2022

Sunday, November 13th, 2022 at 4:00pm

Get inspired and energized at the [2nd annual Donate Life NC Gospel Fest](#) brought to you by LifeShare Carolinas! This virtual gospel festival features nationally known gospel artists as well as NC talent and stories from those impacted by transplant and donation. Don't miss this amazing event!

Contact Dr. Pam Smith for more information at psmith@donatelifenc.org. Interested in sponsoring the event? Contact Deanna at dkerrigan@donatelifenc.org



2022 Transplant Games (Cont)



Contact your Professional Development Specialist to schedule an event at your facility!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2022
Eye Donation Month

NOV 11, 1:02 PM
Pause for the Gift of
Sight & Flag Raising

NOV 13, 4 PM
Gospel Fest 2022

