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# NATIONAL MINORITY DONOR AWARENESS MONTH

National Minority Donor Awareness Month (NMDAM) is a joint effort of the National Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation Multicultural Action Group (NMAG) to improve the health and well-being of diverse populations by promoting a positive attitude toward organ, eye, and tissue donation. NMDAM was established in 1996 by the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program to raise awareness, especially in African American, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific Islander, and Native American groups. Learn more about NMDAM click <u>here</u>.



## Staff Recognition: Sandra Conrad

Meet Sandra Conrad, our Administrative Assistant for the Lone Star Division! Sandra has found her time at Miracles In Sight to be very rewarding. She assists a wide variety of departments to ensure we are running smoothly. In her spare time, Sandra volunteers for Boy Scouts of America (going on 26 years) and loves hanging out with her family.

#### **MIS Corneal Fellows**

Miracles In Sight welcomes our 2022-23 Corneal Fellows! We look forward to working with the next generation of ophthalmic surgeons to continue our tradition of innovation and collaboration in eye banking and transplantation. From left to right: Dr. Alexander Snyder from Indiana, Dr. Andrew Bowman from Texas, and Dr. Kevin Jackson from Alabama with Tracy Thorne, Business Development Liaison at Miracles In Sight.



## HRSA: DoNation Campaign

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has launched a new initiative to improve the organ donation and transplantation system in the US. The initiative aims to increase the number of organs available for transplant, reduce



HRSA Workplace Partnership for Life

disparities in access to transplant, and enhance the quality and safety of organ donation and transplantation.

The initiative has three main components:

- HRSA has released new data on organ donor and transplant outcomes, which will help inform policy decisions and best practices.
- HRSA is prioritizing the modernization of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) IT system, which supports the matching and allocation of organs across the country.
- HRSA is calling for Congress to make specific reforms in the National Organ Transplant Act (NOTA), which governs the organ donation and transplantation system. These reforms include allowing living donors to be reimbursed for lost wages and other expenses, and creating a national living donor registry.

1,333 Hospitals helped add 50,850 Donor Registrations between October 2021 and May 2022. You can help make a difference in 2023!

To learn more about the initiative, click here.

#### DONATE LIFE MONTH PARTICIPATION

Miracles In Sight had a blast during Donate Life Month. We teamed up with hospital partners, OPOs, and Donate Life to celebrate. Check out some of our best moments below!







#### DONATE LIFE MONTH PARTICIPATION (Con't)



















Contact your Professional Development Specialist to schedule an event at your facility and earn HRSA activity points!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2023 National Minority Donor Awareness Month **NOVEMBER 2023** National Eye Donation Month

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