

# Survey Results

Thank You to all transplant faculty and staff who participated in the Collaborate survey last month. A total of 100 surveys were distributed to 33 transplant faculty and 67 staff. The overall survey response rate was 46% (faculty 36%) (staff 51%).

Favorite sections of the newsletter include: Welcome New Staff & Faculty, Save The Date, and Congratulations

Suggestions for additional topics to include: Good Outcomes, Patient Stories (donors and recipients), Research publications, and Want Ads

The following are the results for each survey question.

	Yes	No	Either
Do you enjoy receiving/reading transplant newsletter?	100%		
Does newsletter provide useful information?	94%	6%	
Does newsletter serve as positive communication tool?	94%	6%	
Should the transplant newsletter be continued?	94%	6%	
Does quarterly production meet your needs?	94%	6%	
Do you have a favorite section in the newsletter?	54%	46%	
Do you prefer electronic to replace hard copy format?	37%	48%	15%

Share the news . . .

Register on line to be an organ and tissue donor.

[www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org)



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## April is Donate Life Month

April is National Donate Life Month and a perfect time to celebrate the renewed lives of transplant recipients and honor those tremendously generous individuals who make transplant possible — organ and tissue donors.

Yet while donation has increased, it has not kept pace with the number of patients being added to the waiting list. Approximately 133 people are added to the nation's organ transplant waiting list each day — one every 11 minutes. Sadly, an average of 18 patients die every day while waiting, simply because the organ they needed did not become available in time.

In the United States, there are almost 101,000 people waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. There are over 2000 people waiting in Tennessee, over 800 of those people are Vanderbilt patients. During this month, people are encouraged to say yes to being an advocate for organ and tissue donation on behalf of everyone waiting.

People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated. The most important thing anyone can do to help these individuals is register as a donor and share their wishes with family members. Register to be an organ and tissue donor at [www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org) or answer yes to donation the next time you renew your license.

Although U.S. support for organ and tissue donation remains high, only 30% know the essential steps to take to be a donor. By taking one of the following actions, you can educate and inspire people in your community to save lives by committing now to organ, eye and tissue donation.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Designate your wishes and help others do the same. Sign up to be an organ and tissue donor at [www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org). Don't forget to tell your family about your decision to donate.
- Place donation posters throughout the community.
- Hold a Donate Life Challenge between friends, family, recipients or waiting patients to see who can register the most donors.
- Place Donor Designation Station tables in the community where people can learn about donation and register as donors.
- Work with your employer or church newsletter to print an article on organ donation.
- Send an email to colleagues, friends, and family encouraging them to sign up. Include the Tennessee Donor Registry link, [www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org).
- Send a text message to your cell phone contacts encouraging people to register as a donor at [www.tndonorregistry.org](http://www.tndonorregistry.org).
- Send a "Thank You Note" to the Department of Safety and/or visit your local branch to say thank you in person. Over 95% of registrants on the TN state registry come from Drivers License issues and renewals at Department of Safety offices.

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*Troy Mickens was the 500th heart transplant recipient at Vanderbilt Transplant Center*

- Arrange with local businesses/restaurants to give discounts (e.g. free small soda or cookie) to those who sign up or show their heart on their driver's license.
- Post a web banner on your website or send an e-postcard to family and friends. [www.donatelife.net/HowYouCanHelp/PromoteEPostcard.php](http://www.donatelife.net/HowYouCanHelp/PromoteEPostcard.php).

For additional questions or more information about how you can help advocate for organ donation, contact Tennessee Donor Services at 234-5251 or go to [www.donatelifetn.org](http://www.donatelifetn.org).

By advocating for donation, you have the power to give someone the most precious gift in the world — life.

# Congratulations to...

**Panarut Wisawatapnimit, RN, MSN** successfully defended her dissertation "Assessment of Family Quality of Life Among Families with a member who has Cancer" on March 27, 2009. After graduation in early May, Panarut will return to her home country of Thailand. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

**Christine Tseng, PharmD,** Transplant Pharmacy Resident, on her abstract entitled "A Pharmacoeconomic Analysis of Alemtuzumab Vs. Thymoglobulin Induction in Renal Transplant Recipients" being accepted for oral presentation at the upcoming American Transplant Congress (ATC).

**Deonna Moore, ACNP-BC** on her abstract entitled "Obesity Does Not Affect Long-Term Physical Quality of Life After Kidney Transplant" being accepted for poster presentation at ATC.

**Sherrie Adams, RN, MSN** on her abstract entitled "A Single Center Study of Allomap Assessment of Cardiac Allograft Recipients 3-5 Years Post Transplant" being accepted for poster presentation at ATC.

**Dr. Kelly Wright and Ed Zavala's** Liver Transplant Team raised more than \$2,000 - double their original goal of \$1,000 - for the inaugural American Liver Foundation Walk. The 3-mile walk was held Saturday, April 4th at the Steeplechase/Percy Warner Park.

**Tom and Ed Cooper,** brothers, (above right) who recently celebrated their 30-year living donor and transplant anniversary. The transplant occurred on February 20, 1979. On hand to share in the celebration were former team members, Jeanne Hopkins, Jane Williams, and Dr. Bob Richie.



*Ed Cooper (left) donated a kidney to his younger brother, Tom, in 1979. Thirty years later, both brothers are doing exceptionally well.*

## WELCOME NEW STAFF AND FACULTY

**Beth Martin, ACNP-BC,** newest transplant coordinator in the Adult Liver Transplant Program. Welcome, Beth.



**Tricia Grannemann, RN,** triage office nurse in the Adult Heart Transplant Program. Welcome, Tricia.



**Tara Kalinchak,** newest Data Management Specialist on the Adult Heart Transplant Administrative Team. Welcome, Tara.



**Douglas Hale, M.D., F.A.C.S.** has been recruited to the Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Surgical Team with an anticipated arrival date of early summer 2009.

## SAVE THESE DATES

**MAY 2, 2009**  
9:00 a.m.  
The Nashville Zoo

Help Fight Lung Disease and join the Vanderbilt Lung Transplant Walk Team. Co-captains of this walk team are Jean Barnes and Ed Zavala. Show your support and register today [www.mrsnv.com/evt/home.jsp?id=2227](http://www.mrsnv.com/evt/home.jsp?id=2227)



**MAY 19, 2009**  
7-8 a.m.  
214 Light Hall



APN Grand Rounds with **Patti Logan, ACNP-BC** as the guest lecturer. Earn one contact hour by attending "Going for a Walk-Off Homerun: Bridging Patient to Heart Transplantation Successfully."

**MAY 14, 2009**  
4-5 p.m.  
208 Light Hall

The Norman E. Shumway, Jr. Lectureship in Transplantation with the Honorable Bill Frist, M.D. as the guest lecturer.



**SEPTEMBER 12, 2009**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Magnolia Lawn  
Peabody Campus

Vanderbilt Transplant Center wide Patient Reunion and Health Fair - transplant recipients, families and all transplant faculty/staff are invited to attend this special event as the Vanderbilt Transplant Center celebrates its 20th Anniversary!



*Some of the Vanderbilt ALF Liver Transplant Walk Team (left to right): Mindy Stahley, April DeMers, Marni Groves, Jerita Payne, Dr. Wright Pinson, Dr. Michael Porayko, Caitlin Porayko and Ed Zavala.*

## Happy Birthday

TO THE FOLLOWING  
TRANSPLANT TEAM MEMBERS

### APRIL

- 5 Brenna Evans  
Dr. Raiford
- 9 Matt Bumbalough  
Jennifer Fosnot
- 11 Alisa Layne
- 12 Erik Rumbaugh
- 14 Rosalyn Johnson
- 15 Chris Posen
- 23 Laura Butler  
Dr. Geevarghese
- 29 Beth Martin
- 30 Beatrice Edmundson

### MAY

- 29 Dr. Pinson
- 30 Ann-Haley Poag

### JUNE

- 8 Verna Johnson  
Joanne Ball
- 9 Daniel Larson
- 15 Verna Johnson
- 18 Deborah Mangrum
- 19 Al Lowe
- 30 Dr. Dodd

### JULY

- 5 Beverly Brown
- 11 Joann Johnson  
Dr. Ooi
- 15 April DeMers
- 27 Beth Goodrich  
Dixie Williamson
- 28 Dr. Wigger
- 31 Nancy Neal

