



Registry Access Expands in CDT's Service Area

from the CEO
by Jeffrey P. Orlowski



Recently we at CDT relocated our offices across the lobby of our building to a new, larger space. This move will allow us to grow our organization's

staff in the coming years to better suit the needs of our donor families and donor hospitals. Relax...you didn't miss a change of address card as there wasn't one...our address and our phone number remain the same.

Nonetheless, as we all know from our personal experiences, whether moving 200 feet or 2,000 miles, it is always an "adventure." Granted, 200 feet is easier than 2,000 miles, but any move comes with challenges!

Each move also creates a trip down memory lane. As you

Online enrollment for New York and Vermont residents.

Residents in northeastern New York and Vermont have new options for registering their desire to become an organ donor.

This spring two major changes were announced in New York State. In June the "E-Signature" bill (S 4999/A 10664) was unanimously approved by the New York State legislature, and signed by Governor Paterson. Once implemented, this registry enhancement will allow all New Yorkers to indicate their wishes regarding organ and tissue donation on-line, using a secure website and electronic signature. Currently New York State residents are required to register their wishes with a written signature.

More improvements are pending. Two years after the voter

registration bill passed, the New York State Department of Health has begun to receive organ registrations on the new voter registration forms. According to Ellen Hollander, Executive Director for the NY Alliance for Donation, "We felt it was vital we get this up and running by this summer as people are registering in higher numbers because 2010 is a big election year. The numbers coming in are small, but it is a start."

Vermont residents now also have enhanced options for indicating their end-of-life wishes regarding donation, by joining the new Donate Life New England Donor Registry. This legally-binding registry was a joint project of LifeChoice and New England Organ Bank and is available to all residents in Vermont. It offers an easy way to register, the ability to modify a gift, and the opportunity for individuals without a driver's license to make their wishes known, all via a secure electronic website.

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staff updates

Congratulations

to Lauren Quinn, Manager, Hospital & Community Services and her husband Chris on the arrival of their first child, Brendan, in May. Jennifer M. Salm, OPC, RN was recently recognized as a certified procurement transplant coordinator (CPTC) by the American Board for

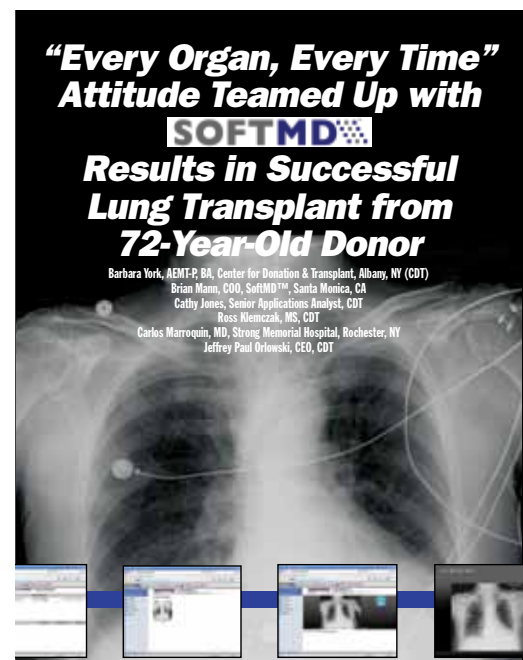
Transplant Certification. CDT extends a warm welcome to transplant surgeon Nicole Siparsky, M.D. who recently joined the medical staff at Albany Medical Center. Dr. Siparsky specializes in kidney and pancreas transplantation, general abdominal surgery, and dialysis access surgery.

in the news

CDT Case Recognized at National Conference

The national organization for transplant professionals, NATCO, recently held their 35th annual meeting, Waves of Change: Transforming Lives through Donation & Transplantation. CDT staff members Jeffrey Orlowski, CEO, Cathy Jones, Senior Applications Analyst and Barbara York, Organ Procurement Coordinator were recognized at that event for their case abstract and poster, entitled "Every Organ Every Time." The poster detailed a recent CDT case in which two lungs were recovered for transplant from a 72-year old donor. The poster was submitted in conjunction with Brian Mann, Chief Operating Officer for Soft MD™, whose company makes the software that allowed the evaluating transplant surgeon to quickly

access and view all test images of the potential donor. Both lungs were successfully transplanted and as of July 2010 the recipient was in excellent health.



An image of poster created by CDT staff

CDT debuts a new website

The much anticipated results of a year-long project to revamp CDT's website debuted in June. Guided by Overit Media in Albany, changes to the website include an expanded family support section that can be found on every page by clicking on the heart at the top of the right hand side, and a more streamlined information section. The new donor family quilt is displayed with interactive panels that include stories from many donor families about their loved one. Additional changes include a more complete library of event photos, a calendar of events that can be updated in real time, and easier to find links to



the New York State Department of Health and the Donate Life New England website.

If you have any questions about the website or need to request a volunteer, speaker or materials, please go to www.donatelifecd.com and click on resources or contact.



from the CEO

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pack closets, desk drawers, and bookcases, items long forgotten are found and with them come memories long ago lost to our daily consciousness.

As we were preparing for CDT's move, there were many pictures, old newsletters, and other items discovered that precipitated "remember when" or "remember so and so" conversations. Over the course of several days, I enjoyed those memories, but more importantly I was reminded just how much the work we all do (hospitals and CDT alike) is a "people business"... we are all in the business of helping people.

So as we at CDT settle into our new space and prepare to begin growing in exciting new ways, we also look forward to continuing the many wonderful relationships we have with so many different dedicated professionals and volunteers who make the work we do possible. To all of those who have crossed our paths and partnered with us over the years, thank you. To those we have yet to meet, we look forward to new friendships, partnerships, and opportunities to save more lives.

And to everyone, if you're in the neighborhood, stop by and see us! We'd love to show you our new home! ■

in our community

An Excerpt from a Statement from U.S. Assistant Secretary for Health

“Today, more than 108,000 Americans are waiting for an organ transplant.

Of these, 55% are minorities... People of minority backgrounds have a particularly high need for organ transplants because some diseases that can lead to organ failure are found more frequently in such populations compared to others... African Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanics are more likely than

whites to suffer from end-stage renal (kidney) disease, (and) Native Americans are more likely than whites to suffer from diabetes.

Although organs are not matched according to ethnicity...those on waiting lists have a better chance of being a recipient if large numbers of donors are available from their ethnic background...greater diversity of donors may potentially increase access to transplantation for all patients on the waiting list.

To become part of the movement:

- *Enroll in your state donor registry.*
- *Designate your decision on your driver’s license.*
- *Talk to your family now about your donation decision.*

“We can celebrate many gifts in this world. Encourage your family and friends to choose organ donation and give the greatest gifts of all – hope and life.”

- Howard K. Koh, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Secretary for Health

Educational Efforts Significantly Affect National Minority Donation Rates

Minority organ donation rates have doubled as a result of community education and empowerment, according to a recent study published in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons. Between 1990 and 2008, minority donations percentages have increased from 15% to 30% and are expected to reach 35% in 2010.

The challenge of the on-going organ shortage is particularly devastating to African Americans, who comprise over half the patients currently waiting for an organ transplant. Many reasons contribute to the lack of donation in minority communities including common misconceptions about donation/transplantation, religious concerns, distrust of

the medical community, and fear of premature death after registering to be a donor.

National Minority Donor Awareness Day, celebrated annually August 1, is a nationwide observance designed to educate minorities about the desperate need for donation within the multicultural community.

celebration of life picnic photos



*were you seen at the
2010 donor family
& recipient picnic?*



get involved!

Contact CDT today if
you would like to:

» *enroll*

in the New York State
Organ & Tissue
Donor Registry

» *obtain
information*

or donor cards

» *request
speakers*

for schools,
civic organizations
or health fairs

» *become a
volunteer*

and help raise
awareness of donation

Call or write to:

The Center for
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218 Great Oaks Blvd
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or visit:

www.donatelifecd.com

for our families

*“True courage is like a kite;
a contrary wind raises it higher.”
- John Petit-Senn*

2011 Rose Parade Design Announced *two local families will represent CDT*



An artist's rendering of the 2011 Donate Life Rose Parade float.

The Donate Life Rose Parade Float committee recently unveiled the design for the 2011 float at the annual Donate Life America conference. On the float, colorful kites soar in the wind as donor families, living donors

and transplant recipients enjoy a special moment and make new memories.

Two CDT families will join this year's Tournament of Roses Parade. John Weakley, a heart recipient and tireless volunteer for CDT from Utica, NY has been selected as the 2011

CDT Float Rider. The float's 24 float riders, led by three walkers, will honor all donors and the everyday dreams they make possible through the gift of life. Board member and donor mother Susan Baron was thrilled to learn that her 16-year old daughter Lindsey Baron had been selected as the 2011 CDT Memorial Floragraph honoree. The tails of the kites will be adorned with these memorial 'floragraph' portraits of deceased donors whose legacies lift the kites and the hopes of those in need of transplants.

Additionally, thousands of organ, eye, and tissue donors nationwide will be memorialized with dedicated roses, each vial carrying a personal message of love, hope, and remembrance. Any hospitals in the CDT service area that have joined the Flags Across America memorial donor program will have a personalized rose and message on the float.

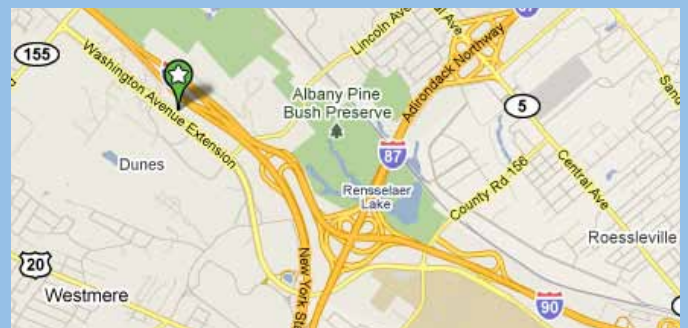
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Annual Donor Memorial Service

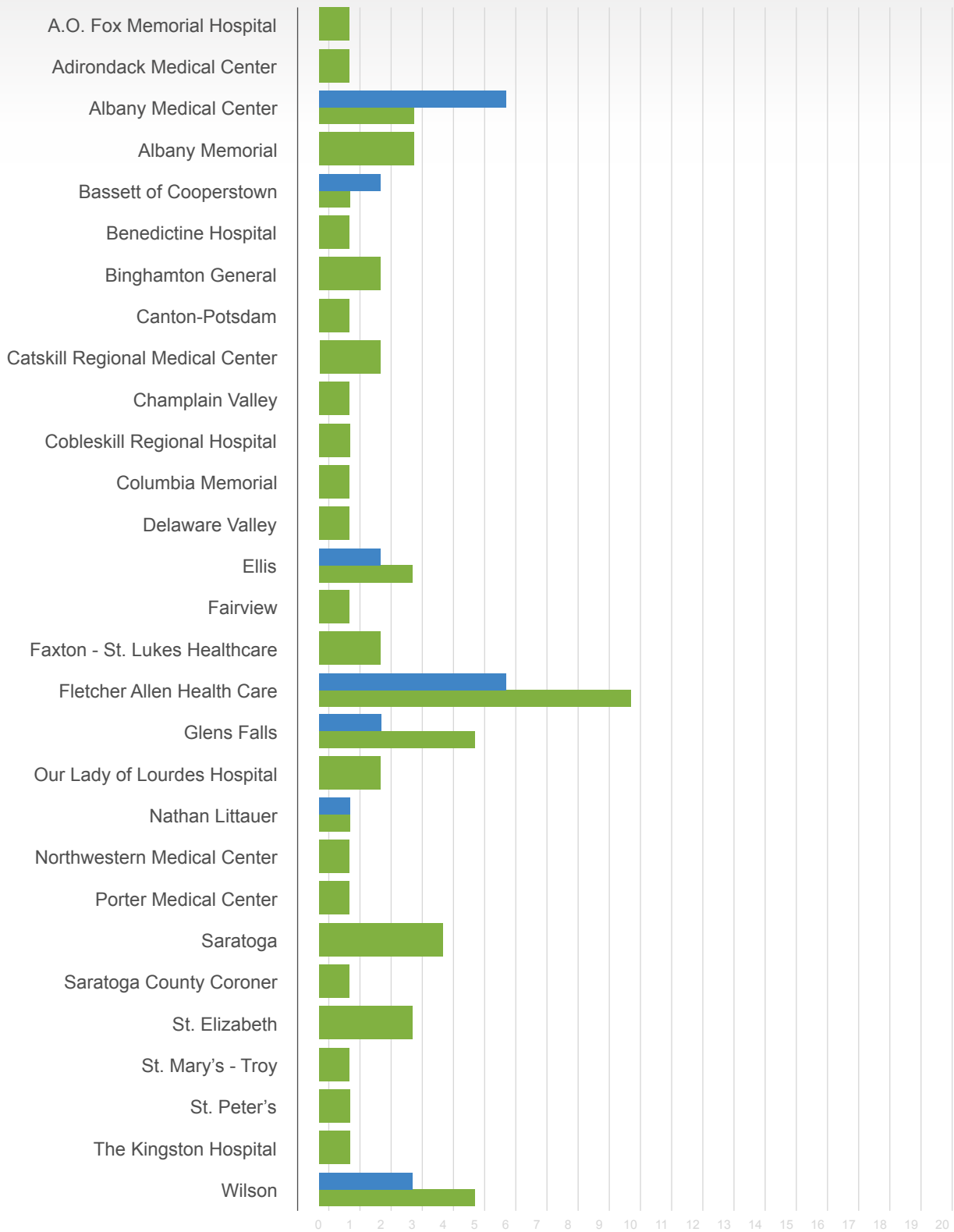
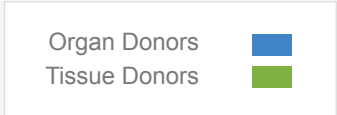
date: Sunday, November 7, 2010

time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

location: Italian American Community Center
Albany, NY



donor activity by hospital



January 1, 2010 to July 31, 2010
62 total tissue donors, 23 total organ donors



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upcoming events & important dates

September 15 - October 15

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 23, 2010

CDT Quarterly Volunteer Meeting

November 7, 2010

CDT Donor Memorial | Albany, NY

November 12 - November 14, 2010

National Donor Sabbath

Please contact CDT at 518-262-5606 for further information about upcoming events.