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Alice Hyde Medical Center Celebrates National Donate Life Month, Honors Those Touched by Donation and Transplantation

April 14, 2015 – Alice Hyde Medical Center has announced that it will join the Center for Donation and Transplant in recognizing National Donate Life Month, a month-long celebration held every April that showcases the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and encourages New Yorkers to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Donor Registry.

The hospital will be participating in a number of different events supporting the incredible gifts of life given by donors and raising awareness about the importance of signing up on the New York State Donate Life Registry. The hospital participated in a tabling and awareness booth on Monday, April 13 and plans to participate in National Wear Blue and Green Day, held on April 17, 2015.

“This April, we are excited to work with Alice Hyde Medical Center as they support and celebrate the generous gifts given by donors and donor families who said “yes” to donation,” Lauren Quinn, Director of Hospital and Community Services at the Center for Donation and Transplant said. “Donation has the potential to save and heal thousands of lives, but it can only happen when New Yorkers get the facts they need and ultimately make the incredible and selfless decision to register as an eye, organ and tissue donor.”

“We are excited to help raise awareness about the need for registered donors here in our community,” said Tammy Reynolds, RN, Nurse Manager of the Operating Room and Organ Donation Coordinator at Alice Hyde Medical Center. “We are proud to support the work being done by The Center for Donation and Transplant, and hope that we can help increase the number of New Yorkers who are registered donors.”

More than 10,200 New Yorkers are currently waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, and every 10 minutes, another person is added to the national transplant waiting list. Despite the urgent need, New York State ranks as one of the lowest states in the nation when it comes to the number of eligible residents on the New York State Donate Life Registry. Many do not live

long enough to receive their life-saving organ or tissue transplant. Those that do receive the call that they've long been waiting for – that a matching, healthy, transplantable organ has been found – are given a second chance at life.

To register as a donor or for more information about how to get involved, please visit the Center for Donation and Transplant's website at www.donatelifecd.org.

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About The Center for Donation & Transplant:

The Center for Donation & Transplant facilitates organ and tissue donation in northeastern New York and western Vermont. CDT ensures that the option of donation is offered to families in an informative and compassionate manner, and provides long-term support and comfort to families and hospital personnel involved in the donation process.