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### **Jervis Public Library Joins with the Center for Donation and Transplant to Celebrate National Donate Life Month, Help Raise Awareness of New York State Donate Life Registry**

**April 2015** – The Jervis Public Library 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 library will be hosting a Donate Life Table and Registry Drive on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm. In addition to celebrating the generosity and gifts of life given by organ donors, the event will give visitors and community members an opportunity to learn more about signing up on the state's donor registry.

"This April, we are excited to work with Jervis Public Library 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."

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 is ranked 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. Oneida County has one of the lowest percentages of residents registered, with only 19.6% county residents on the Donate Life Registry, out of nearly 184,000 eligible adults (those 18 years of age and over). In neighboring Herkimer County, the percentage of registrants sits higher, at 32.6 percent.

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.donatelifecdt.org](http://www.donatelifecdt.org).

**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.