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Breathing Life



Phoenix firefighters show off their Donate Life spirit at a fundraising event on June 5 benefitting Phoenix Police Department dispatcher, Derrick Erickson, who is waiting to receive a lung transplant.

When emergencies strike, the instant reaction for many is to call 9-1-1. During these frightening moments, the public relies on the person on the other end of the phone to walk them through their crises and let them know that help is on the way.

By directing police, firefighters and paramedics to individuals in need of assistance and by being a voice of calm assurance, Arizona's 9-1-1 dispatchers impact countless lives every year. Sometimes, though, it's dispatcher heroes who need saving.

Since birth, Phoenix Police Department (PPD) dispatcher, Derrick Erickson, has suffered from cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease that damaged his respiratory and digestive systems, leaving him in need of a lung transplant. "If you can imagine trying to breathe through a straw every hour of the day, that's what it feels like to fight for air with cystic fibrosis," says Derrick.

On June 5, 2015, the PPD and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal

Employees Local 2960 hosted a barbecue fundraiser in Phoenix to support Derrick. Volunteers and staff from Donor Network of Arizona offered supporters the opportunity to register to be organ, eye and tissue donors in his honor onsite.

More than 100 police, firefighters, emergency dispatchers and members of the public attended to donate money and register as donors. The event raised more than \$5,000 and over 50 people registered as donors in honor of Derrick and others waiting to receive the gift of life.

While Derrick's wife, Kim Erickson, hopes Derrick's new lungs are available soon, she already holds a special place in her heart for his potential donor and the donor's family.

"When I say my prayers each night, I hope for peace for that family," says Kim. "I want them to know that their gift is going to someone who really deserves it, someone who will appreciate it."

Greetings

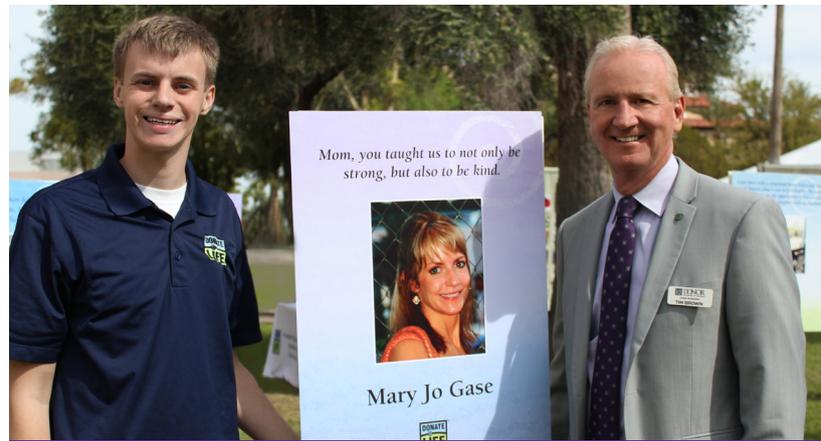
From DNA's President and CEO, Tim Brown

In this first edition of the Emergency Professionals Connection, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you more about Donor Network of Arizona (DNA) and how our work to save and heal lives through the gift of organ, eye and tissue donation connects with your life-saving, community-building work as firefighters, paramedics, police officers and other emergency professionals.

DNA is Arizona's only federally designated, nonprofit organ procurement organization. We are also a tissue and eye recovery organization. Every day, we strive to realize Arizona's potential to save and improve lives.

DNA works in partnership with Arizona's five transplant centers, ocular surgeons and other health care organizations to connect the generosity of Arizona donors with those in need of heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, small intestine, tissue or cornea transplants across the country.

Right now in Arizona, more than 2,300 men, women and children are waiting to receive a life-saving organ transplant, with more than 122,000 people waiting in the U.S. Our cover



Donor son and NASCAR racer, Joey Gase, meets with Tim Brown at Donate Life Day at the Capitol where his mother was honored in the Garden of Life in March of 2015.

story about 9-1-1 dispatcher, Derrick Erickson, highlights an important point: anyone, regardless of age or prior health history, could one day require a transplant to stay alive.

The need is great, and DNA works to make the most of every opportunity to save a life. In the same way that you, as an emergency professional, are a hero in your community, transplant recipients view their donors as their personal heroes. Organ, eye and tissue donors and their families make a decision of great generosity to share the gift of life with someone in need, and many times, the work that you do helps to make this gift a possibility.

Racing for Life

When 18-year-old Joey Gase of Iowa lost his mother, Mary Jo Gase, to a brain aneurism in 2011, his world came to a halt. As he faced the most tragic moment of his life, Joey made the decision to donate his mother's organs and tissues.

Now 22, and a rising star in NASCAR's Xfinity and Sprint Cup Series, Joey dedicates his driving career to his mother and the Donate Life message. As he races throughout the country, Joey honors local organ, eye and tissue donors while hosting donor families at the racetrack for the weekend of a lifetime.

On March 14, 2015, Joey celebrated the legacy of Nick Korte from Tucson, Arizona, who saved five lives and healed many more as a registered donor after passing away in 2012.

Joey placed a photo of Nick on the back of his car for the Xfinity Series at Phoenix International Raceway and hosted



(l to r): Liz and Peter Cruz and Caitlin Korte pose with Joey Gase's car at Phoenix International Raceway on March 14, 2015.

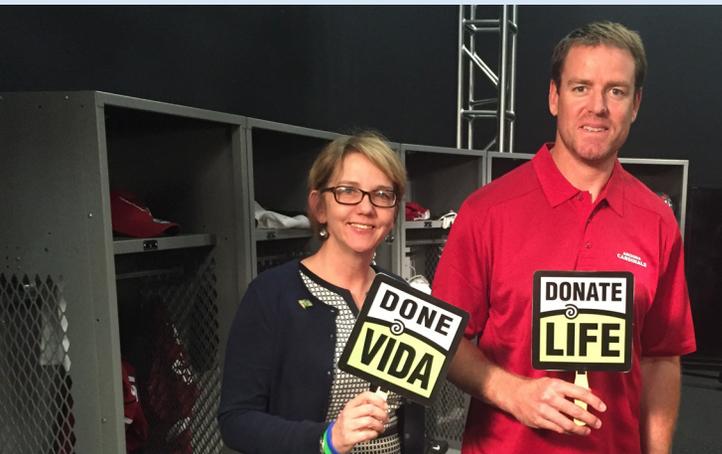
Nick's sister, Caitlin Korte, and Nick's parents, Peter and Liz Cruz, on race day.

"Nick loved anything that went fast. He would have been ecstatic knowing that his photo was on the back of a race car," says Caitlin.

Nick's family spent the day with Joey getting a behind-the-scenes look at NASCAR while paying special tribute to the young man they all love so dearly.

"Nick gave people the gift of life," says Caitlin. "The last mark he made on this world was giving to others."

Carson Palmer's Gift



DNA's vice president of Development and Referral Services, Sara Pace Jones, met with Arizona Cardinals quarterback and tissue recipient, Carson Palmer, on April 9.

On Jan. 8, 2006, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer made franchise history when he tossed the longest completed pass in the team's history, but the glory of the moment was short-lived.

After releasing the football, Palmer was tackled from behind by the Steelers' defense, producing a popping in Palmer's knee – a sound no football player wants to hear.

Palmer's anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) was ruptured, an injury that his surgeon called "potentially career-ending." Palmer's best hope for recovery was an allograft. Tissue from a deceased donor would be used to reconstruct his ACL.

Two years prior, on March 17, 2004, a 44-year-old woman from Texas named Julie De Rossi was struck by a speeding drunk driver. De Rossi was declared brain dead at the hospital, and her family chose to donate her organs and tissues as a tribute to De Rossi's generous spirit. One of De Rossi's many recipients was Palmer.

"Despite never playing a game of football in her life, Julie helped me play 98 games over the course of eight years," says Palmer, "and she helped me be a great dad to my young, active kids."

On Nov. 10, 2014, Palmer, now playing with the Arizona Cardinals, heard the pop in his knee once again. Palmer's ACL was repaired this time with an autograft, tissue from Palmer's own body, though he says he will never forget the gift De Rossi gave him.

DID YOU KNOW?

More than 2,300 Arizonans are waiting to receive a life-saving transplant.

Allograft vs. Autograft

Understanding the difference between autograft and allograft, two types of tissues used in reconstructive surgery, helps to underline the incredible innovations being made in surgical reconstruction procedures and highlights the amazing gift of tissue donation.

Autograft refers to a patient's own tissue being transplanted from one part of their body to another. For example, tendons from a patient's hamstring muscle can be removed and used to repair the person's anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

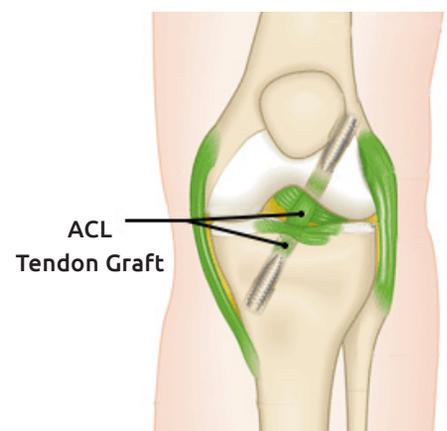
Although autograft tissue is safe and fast-healing, it creates a second surgical site from which a patient must then recover. The additional recovery

time requires a longer hospital stay, extended down-time and potential discomfort in later years.

An allograft is tissue recovered from a deceased tissue donor and transplanted into a surgical patient, which requires no second surgical site. Often, however, the recipient will require a longer recovery period as the recipient's tissue must grow into the donor graft.

Allografts come from deceased donors who made the decision to register as a donor before their passing, or whose family made this generous decision on their behalf. Allografts come in many forms and help in thousands of different ways. From skin grafts that help to heal burn victims, bone grafts used in orthopedic surgeries such as

spinal fusion, to tendons used to repair a torn ACL, allografts provide healing results that improve the lives of tissue recipients.



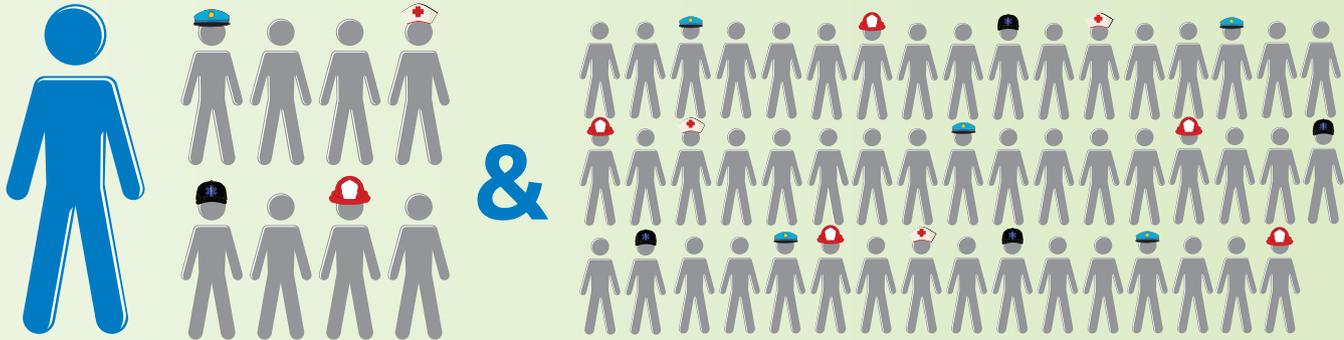
Allografts, created with donated tissue, help in thousands of ways, including ACL repair as pictured above.

DonateLifeAZ Registry

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(as of July 20, 2015)

Emergency professionals save lives. Organ, eye and tissue donors save lives too!



One
organ donor can save
eight lives

a tissue and eye
donor can heal
50 lives

Since it became available in June 2014,



more than 600,000
Arizonans have
DONOR ♥

printed on their
license or ID!

53%

of adult Arizonans
are registered as
organ, eye and
tissue donors.



122,000+ people

The number of people waiting nationally for a life-saving organ transplant would overflow seating capacity at Phoenix International Raceway.

January - June 2015 Statistics

Over 20,000
Arizonans
received tissue
transplants

More than
500 Arizonans
received the
gift of sight this
year

70 percent of heart
valve transplants
in Arizona went to
pediatric recipients

Emergency Medical Service & Fire Departments	Jan. - June 2015 *Total Organ, Eye and Tissue Donors
Air Evac Services Inc.	3
Air Medical	1
Apache Junction Fire Department	2
Avondale Fire Department	1
Avra Valley Fire District	1
Benson Fire Department	1
Bisbee Fire Department	1
Buckeye Valley Fire Department	7
Case Grande Fire Department	4
Central Yavapai Fire District	2
Chandler Fire Department	3
City of El Mirage	1
Daisy Mountain Fire Department	3
Drexel Heights Fire District	2
Fort Mohave Fire District	1
Gila River Fire Department and EMS	3
Gilbert Fire Department	4
Glendale Fire Department	11
Golder Ranch Fire Department	3
Goodyear Fire Department	1
Guardian Ambulance	1
Healthcare Innovations	1
Kingman Fire Department	1
Life Line Ambulance Services	12
Mesa Fire Department	19
Montezuma Rimrock Fire District	1
Native Air Ambulance	2
Northwest Fire Department	1
Peoria Fire Department	5
Phoenix Fire Department	66
Pima Fire and Rescue	1
PMT	18
Rio Rico Fire Department	1
River Medical Inc.	4
Rural Metro	29
Salt River Fire Department	2
Scottsdale Fire Department	4
Southwest Ambulance	3
Sun City Fire Department	6
Sun Lakes Fire Department	1
Superstition Fire and Medical	1
Surprise Fire Department	6
Tempe Fire Department	7
Tri-City Fire Department Ambulance	3
Tucson Fire Department	22
Verde Valley Ambulance	2
Yuma Fire Department	3

*These statistics reflect the number of donor cases directly impacted by EMS involvement during the given time frame.

Registering to be an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor at the Motor Vehicle Division:

Behind the DONOR ♥

ADOT Motor Vehicle Division
45122-0004

DRIVER LICENSE/IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION

Driver License Identification Card

You are required by A.R.S. §§ 28-3160(C)(2) and §§ 28-3160(F), under authority of 42 U.S.C. §§ 6002(C) and § 6002(B)(2)(A), to provide your Social Security Number. It will be used to verify your identity and to comply with federal and state child support enforcement laws. It will not be used as your driver license or identification card number.

Applicant Name (first, middle, last, suffix)

Residence Street Address City State ZIP

Mailing Address (if different from above) City State ZIP

Street Mailing Which address do you want to appear on your license?

Sex Male Female Weight Height Eye Color Hair Date of Birth

Current Driver License Number Number

Operator Motorcycle Class

Yes No Has your driving privilege expired?

If Yes: State

Yes No Do you have a license?

Yes No Do you have a license?

My vehicle is registered in another state

I need to show a medical alert condition

I also want this alert registered on my license (unless you request a physician or registered nurse practitioner statement)

I consent to the release of personal information contained in my driver license and vehicle record. I understand that this is not a one-time consent; it applies to a specific individual or organization, but is not a general consent that applies to all requests from any and all individuals or organizations for any purpose, and revoked by me at any time. Consent for a vehicle record applies to all owners.

Yes No Do you have a visual, physical or psychological condition, alcoholism, dependency or are you taking any medications that may affect your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle?

Please Explain:

Yes No Have you ever been determined to be intoxicated by a court? (Other license applicants only)

Yes No Are you a United States citizen who wishes to register to vote or update your existing voter registration?

I want to be placed on the permanent early voting list and receive an early ballot by mail for each election I am eligible.

DONOR ♥ I check this box to become an organ/tissue donor and join the DonateLifeAZ Registry. **DONOR ♥** will print on my license.

I am a U.S. Military veteran and would like the word "VETERAN" printed on my license/ID. (Documentation Required)

All Applicants: I certify that the information above is true and correct. I understand that I must report a change of address or name to MVD within 10 days. All Driver Applicants: I understand the laws, rules and regulations described in the Arizona Driver License Manual, and that I must report to MVD in writing, within 30 days, any medical condition that develops or worsens that may affect my ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Male Applicants Under 26: By submitting this application, I consent to registration with the Selective Service System if I am required to register under federal law. If I am under 18, I understand that I will be registered as required by federal law when I become 18.

Voter Registration: I certify that I am not a convicted felon or my civil rights have been restored, and that I have not been adjudicated incompetent. I certify that I am a United States citizen. Submitting a false voter registration is a Class 6 felony. Your decision to register to vote or not, and where you submitted your application, will remain confidential.

Applicant Signature (if under 18, LEGAL COUNSEL/CHIEF OF POLICE must be completed)

Acknowledged before me this date: _____ Notary or MVD Agent Signature: _____

Date: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Commission Expires: _____

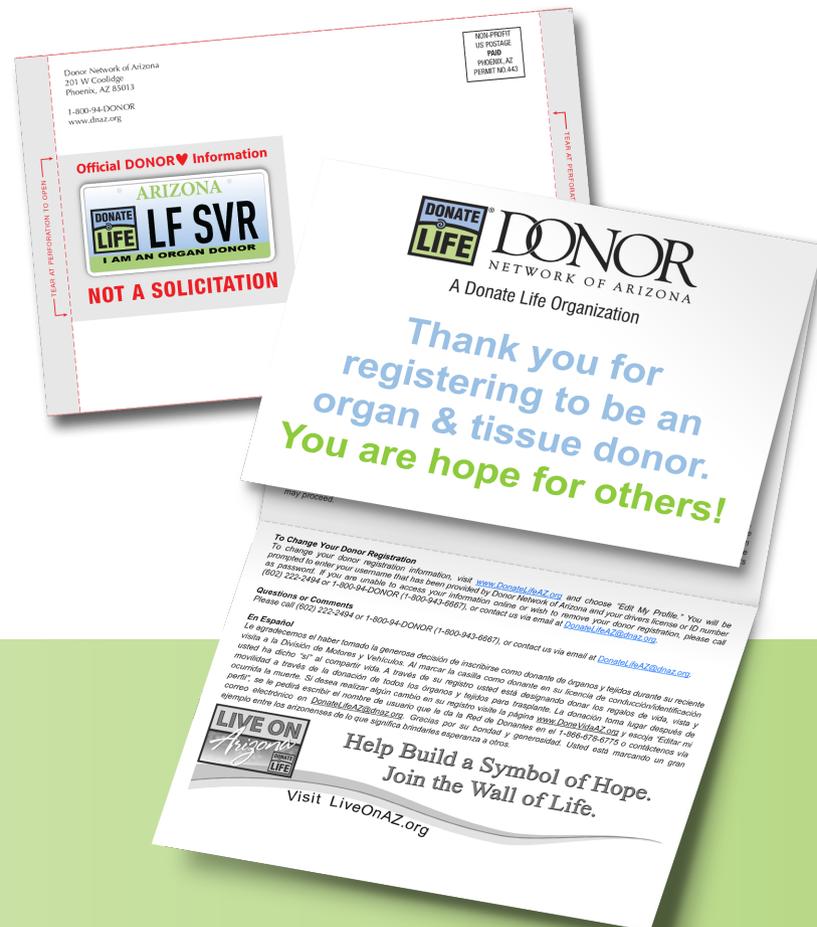
1 The client checks the box on their DL/ID application. Their decision is entered into ADOT MVD computer system.

2 A temporary credential is issued for the client featuring the **DONOR ♥** insignia. The insignia is also printed on the permanent credential sent to the client in the mail several weeks later.

3 Each week, the ADOT MVD computer system provides Donor Network of Arizona with the information of the clients who registered.

4 Donor Network of Arizona enters new registrants into the DonateLifeAZ Registry while checking and removing duplicates and updating addresses.

5 Within four to six weeks, all new registrants receive a letter from Donor Network of Arizona detailing how their decision can save and heal lives through organ and tissue donation.



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