THE BEST OF DONOR NETWORK WEST

2024
Fall Recap
NEWSLETTER

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A Fall To Remember

Welcome to the Fall 2024 Best of Donor Network West Newsletter! We had a phenomenal time as an organization and community this September hosting our Annual Foundation 5K Run/Walks, and honoring members of our community during National Hispanic Heritage Month! Check out all of the incredible things happening in our communities below!







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"Believe you can, and you're halfway there."
- Theodore Roosevelt

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WHAT HAPPENED

DONOR NETWORK WEST FOUNDATION
RUN/WALK
5k

Run/Walk Recap

Incredible. Grateful. Honored.

Our annual Foundation Run/Walks in both San Ramon, CA and Fresno, CA, were incredible events for the books, and we couldn't be more grateful to our phenomenal community of donor heroes, donor families, friends, loved ones, and professionals who make the #GiftOfLife possible. We're so honored to be able to support our communities in this manner.

As a community, our final amount raised from our Run/Walks combined this year was

$228,205

Donor Network West family and community until the end of time; a shining example of how impactful and everlasting the memory, spirit and life of your loved one can be. Please check out the highlights from our incredible yearly celebration of the #GiftOfLife





CONNECT TO PURPOSE

DONOR NETWORK WEST FOUNDATION
RUN/WALK
5k

$12,923.80

#BeLikeTyree

A Heroic Family

What a remarkable amount of money team #BeLikeTyree raised for our Run/Walk in San Ramon

It is the second year in a row that this phenomenal group of people, both family and friends of the late & great Tyree, have shown up and out in ways many thought impossible. Team #ByLikeTyree has committed an annual effort to raising funds in honor of Tyree and organ donor heroes like him, alongside donor families such as themselves, & all the incredible teams, professionals and supporters that make the #GiftOfLife possible.

Tyree, Summer, and their incredible family and friends will remain a part of the Donor Network West family and community until the end of time; a shining example of how impactful and everlasting the memory, spirit and life of your loved one can be.





DNW & SJSU

We had the honor of coming together with San Jose State Football to honor organ donors, recipients and families across the country. On October 5th, we had the honor of recognizing Damita Barbee, a lung recipient who celebrated 10 years of being a transplant recipient and receiving her #GiftOfLife

Video *Photos*



DNW & OrganOx

Donor Network West is using OrganOx, a liver preservation machine, to increase the number of livers available for transplantation. OrganOx advances the liver preservation process, which was previously unchanged since the advent of liver transplantation in the 1960s.

Learn more about this innovation in saving lives



OrganOx
living organs for life

Remembering Tom Dolan



We wish to take a moment to celebrate the life of Tom Dolan, Founder of the Dolan Automotive Group and Reno community advocate, who recently passed this September 12th. Tom was an incredible leader and selflessly dedicated his time, energy, and care to make Reno a better place for all, regardless of their walk of life. His generosity knew no bounds, as did his love for his people and community.

The Dolan family released the following statement:

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, Tom Dolan, on Thursday, September 12. He was an incredible part of our family and an amazing pillar of the community. His generosity, kindness, and commitment to bettering the lives of others will be his lasting legacy. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time. Service details will be shared in the coming days."



Thomas S. Dolan was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota, the youngest of eight children. In 1969, he settled in Reno, Nevada, and graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1972. His career in the automotive industry began at Reno Dodge, where he worked for Don Weir Sr. and sold cars alongside his former college roommate and friend, Don Weir Jr.

From 1975 to 1982, Tom moved from Sales to Finance Manager to Sales Manager to General Manager at Carson City Dodge-Chrysler and Reno Dodge. In 1982, he moved on to Reno Toyota, where he became the General Manager and Vice President. He eventually purchased the dealership and became the owner of Reno Toyota, which is now known as Dolan Toyota.



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER RECAP

What's Happening in our DSA!

AMAT 2024



This past September, The Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation held their annual conference, focused this year on Empowering, Engaging, and Elevating inclusivity in organ donation and transplantation.

Donor Network West firmly believes that diversity is our greatest strength, and this past conference served as a platform to honor and celebrate the myriad cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives that make our field so vibrant. A plethora of our incredible leaders made the trip to collaborate and further our space by sharing knowledge, and learning from their peers.



Janice was awarded the Dr. Oscar Salvatierra Vanguard Award for Multicultural Leadership, and Theresita Gonzalez received the prestigious Ronaldo Ruybal Timeless Service award for her dedication to diversity and inclusion in her community efforts across the Bay Area.

Michelle Sanchez Home Run for Life

Our last Donor Network West Home Run For Life did not disappoint.

Michelle Sanchez supports families as a Donor Network West family resource coordinator, meeting with families in the hospital to educate them about organ donation and support them through their decision in donating organs.

We are incredibly appreciative of Michelle's work in our community, and applauded her as she rounded the bases!



Nevada Day Parade

What a fun day at the #nevadaday paradeSo many Nevadans showed their support for organ donation and wanted to learn more about our mission. We can hardly wait for next year!





Dia De Los Muertos Reno

Reno's #DiaDeLosMuertos (day of the dead) celebration has been a beautiful place to talk to Nevadans, honor our donors and celebrate this special tradition. We were lucky enough to meet a few donor families that stopped by and told us their stories. We cried, we hugged, we listened. Today and everyday we remember and honor your loved ones!



NOVEMBER RECAP

Native American Heritage Month

November is Native American Heritage Month, and Donor Network West has the privilege of honoring the rich history, cultures, and vast contributions of Native peoples.

Indigenous peoples' history in the United States is defined by strength, survival, and a deep commitment to and pride in their heritage and ways of life. Native peoples have built and sustained incredible nations and communities, and the knowledge from these cultures still benefits us today as a nation.



National Donor Sabbath

On November 15th, Donor Network West had the privilege of coming together with our Bay Area community in San Francisco at the Presidio Chapel. Alongside incredible faith leaders, we held an open panel discussion focused on educating our communities about the relationship between donation and faith, dispelling myths and raising awareness.

We were joined by Rev Rodney Leggett, Kashif Abdullah, Dr Shareef Syed, chaplain Robert Richardson, Genevieve Navar Franklin, and Rabbi Lisa Kingston.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

New Hire Grads (Sept & Oct)

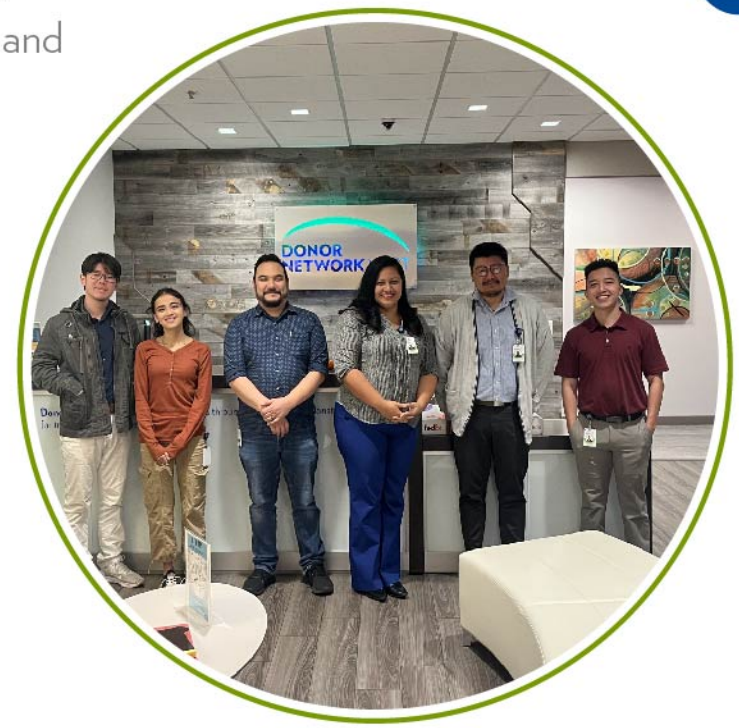
New Teammates

We had the privilege of introducing our incredible new hires to the ins and outs of Donor Network West, our mission, and how the #GiftOfLife fuels our cause daily.



September

We take pride in maintaining a culture of teamwork, integrity, and passion for driving quality and changing lives. We encourage visionary ideas that make a difference in others' lives.



October

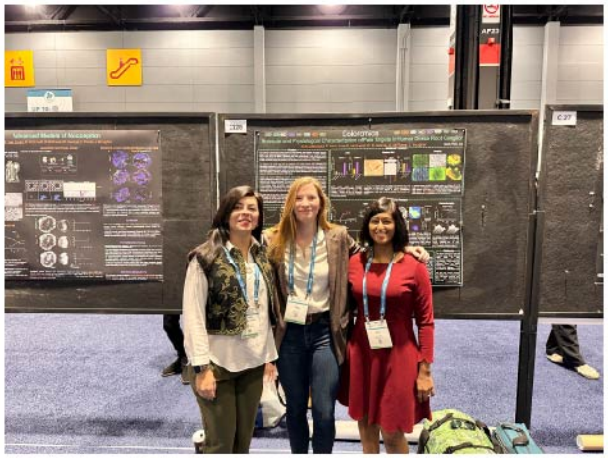
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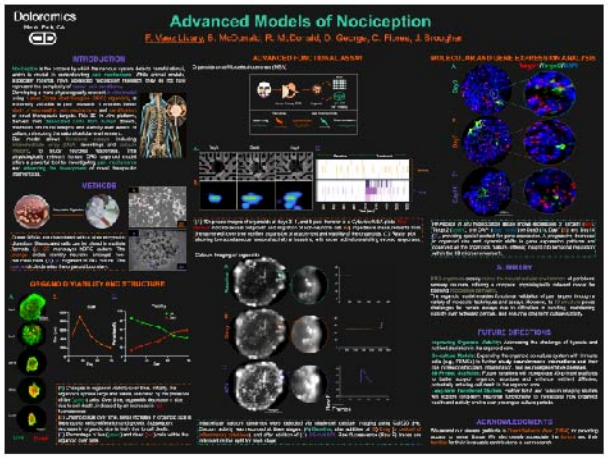
Department Updates

RESEARCH

"I wanted to reach out and highlight some of the incredible work our scientists (Dr Dale George, Dr Rena McDonald, and Farin Vaez-Livery) have presented at Neuroscience 2024 in Chicago this October 8th. I truly believe that the work DNW enables with tissue recovery will change the world because of the long term impact on almost every field of medicine."

- Jackson Brougher, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer





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There are plenty of events and celebrations that we're privileged to be a part of! The best way to stay updated on everything we have going on is to follow us on social media @MyDNWest across all platforms! Our Instagram is a fantastic place to start, or maybe you enjoy Facebook. Either way, we're everywhere, and we'll see you there!

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