

THE BEST OF DONOR NETWORK WEST



July Recap 2026

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Welcome back, Donor Network West family, to the Summer of Saving Lives! This past July, we had the privilege of sharing the stories of incredible donor heroes who impacted their communities in life and chose to give the ultimate gift in their passing. Stay with us as we gear up for the annual Stride For Hope Run/Walks in September, taking place in **San Ramon, CA** and **Fresno, CA**, and get ready for National Multiethnic Donor Awareness Month this August!



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as much as we enjoyed creating it to educate the
world about the #GiftOfLife*



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Honoring Bobby's Life and Gift



On July 5th, team members at **Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC)** stood alongside Bobby's family, friends and loved ones during his honor walk.

We're grateful to his family for allowing us to share this moment and to Community Regional Medical Center for helping carry his legacy forward.

Watch the emotional video here:



Reach Higher, Give Life, and Inspire Hope

On July 16th, Donor Network West had the privilege of bringing our staff from across our entire donation service area to host our Biannual All-Staff Meeting and Social Gathering at the Whitney Peak Hotel in Reno.

This meeting's theme was "Reach Higher, Give Life, and Inspire Hope," highlighting that our team members across the board are cogs in an imperative, life-changing act of service that requires time, energy, effort, and innovation in ways not thought possible. This meeting in Reno gave space for discussion between team members and their leaders, open panel discussions about life-changing, heroic donation stories, and an amazing keynote presentation and discussion by Dr. Brittany Clayborne, transplant recipient, cancer survivor, psychologist, and mother to an amazing son and transplant recipient.

Dr. Brittany Clayborne has the mind of a doctor and the heart of a patient. Dr. Clayborne's rare combination of lived experience and clinical expertise uniquely positions her to bring an incredible discussion to the table about how each and every role within Donor Network West and OPOs like ours is imperative for her to have the impact she's had across the world with her second chance at life, along with her son's.

Our team members had the opportunity to listen to a host of extraordinary teammates who cared for an ALS patient whose final wishes included becoming a donor. The level of care and execution to ensure this patient's wishes came true were exemplary, and reminded us of why we work to ensure the #GiftOfLife is available to all.

It was more than a meeting; it was an amazing reminder of why we do what we do.





One Voice One Vision TO SAVE & HEAL LIVES

NATIONAL MULTIETHNIC DONOR AWARENESS MONTH



Inclusion in Saving Lives

National Multiethnic Donor Awareness Month, observed annually in August, is a collaborative initiative to save and enhance diverse communities' lives by promoting a positive culture surrounding organ, eye, and tissue donation.

By focusing on African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native communities, this observance brings heightened awareness to the importance of donation and transplantation in multiethnic contexts.

More than 100,000 people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants. Nearly 60% of the national transplant waiting list are from multiethnic communities.

Help us drive that awareness throughout our communities and yours by utilizing our toolkits across all social media platforms, Zoom, and more!

Shareables Kit 2026





STRIDE
FOR HOPE

Walking to honor organ, eye and tissue donor heroes

Saturday
Sept. 12th

Rancho San Ramon Community Park
San Ramon, CA

Saturday
Sept. 26th

Woodward Park
Fresno, CA

Register for San Ramon
\$5 OFF thru 8/31



PROMO CODE: **EARLY5** thru 8/31

Register for Fresno
\$5 OFF thru 8/31



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It's the middle of the Summer of Saving Lives, which means that we're only two months away from the Annual Stride for Hope Run/Walks in San Ramon and Fresno, California, and all are welcome!

Celebrating our 16th year, this event celebrates the incredible gift of life through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Together we honor and celebrate donors and recipients, while raising awareness and inspiring hope with every stride!

It will be our privilege to have you join our Stride for Hope and Donate Life family. Check out the clickable QR Codes above to learn more and register:



Rancho San Ramon Community Park
1998 Rancho Park Loop Rd.

NEW!
San Ramon
Run/Walk
Location!



Donor Network West, UCSF partnership expands access to organs for research

Pleasanton Weekly

San Ramon-based Donor Network West and the University of California, San Francisco have developed a system to connect researchers with donated organs and tissue samples not used for transplant, supporting medical research by expanding access to human samples.



Calif. organ donor registry surpasses 20 million. Why more donors are still needed

The Sacramento Bee

More than 100,000 people nationwide are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, while only about 3 in 1,000 people die in circumstances that allow for deceased organ donation. California surpassed 20 million registered organ donors in June. **Donor Network West** and other organ donation organizations across the country have spent years trying to close that gap through outreach at hospitals, schools, DMV offices and community events.

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Donor Network West and Team CalNev secure Team Champion Award at Transplant Games of America

San Francisco Biotech Networks

Donor Network West and Team CalNev compete at the 2026 Transplant Games, securing 126 medals and the Team Champion Award.



Congrats Summer Grad!

Congratulations to our Community Engagement and Partnership Development Specialist, Hayley Hayden, on graduating from the 2026 Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class!

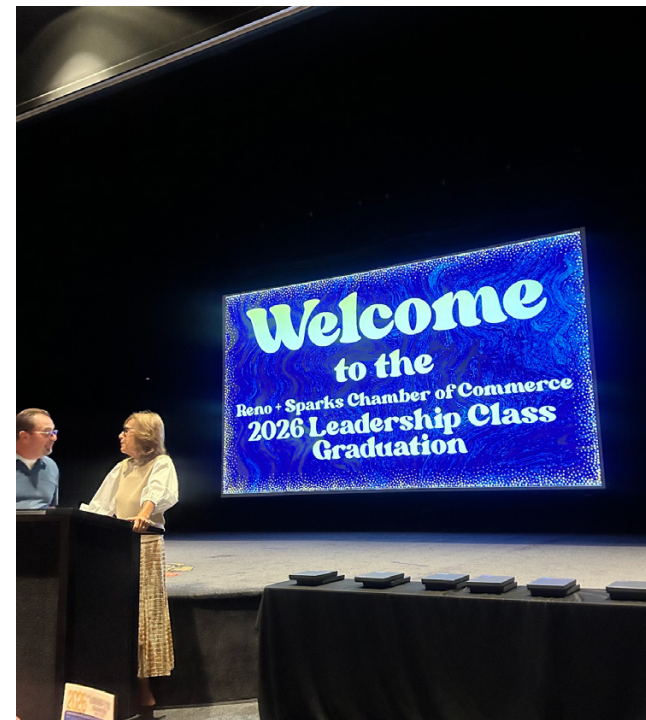
The program brought together professionals from across Northern Nevada for an in-depth exploration of leadership, civic engagement and the collaboration that helps communities thrive. Throughout the experience, participants learned directly from leaders representing government, business, education, the arts, economic development, and the nonprofit sector.

"I entered the program hoping to better understand how our community works as a whole and what holds it together behind the scenes. I leave with a stronger connection to Northern Nevada and a deeper appreciation for the collaboration required to build a vibrant community," said Hayley.

The class celebrated its graduation on June 10 at the National Automobile Museum in Reno.

We're proud to recognize this accomplishment and the continued commitment of our team members to learning, leadership and meaningful community partnership.

Congratulations Hayley!



A Leader Emerges!

"Approximately six months ago, I invited **Corina Clark** to join our team as our fractional COO, bringing a strong background in hospital leadership. At the same time, Corina took a leap into unfamiliar territory. True to form, she quickly embraced our mission and the work we do.

It is my pleasure to announce that Corina has joined our executive leadership team. In just six months, she has made a significant impact, elevating the performance of our operations team. She has led—and will continue to lead—listening sessions as we work to hear and address concerns raised by team members. She has also strengthened our relationships with hospital partners and helped bridge communication gaps across the organization.

Corina is a remarkable leader, and I am proud to have her on our team.

Please join me in congratulating her on her new role at Donor Network West."

-Dr. Janice F. Whaley





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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!

