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WEST HOLT MEDICAL SERVICES PROMOTES ORGAN DONATIONS IN STATEWIDE EFFORT TO SAVE LIVES.

Flags to fly across Nebraska for National Donate Life Month in April

West Holt Medical Services is one of nearly 70 Nebraska hospitals and organizations promoting organ and tissue donation awareness by flying or displaying flags that read “Honoring Organ, Tissue & Eye Donors” during April.

Nebraska’s flag-flying campaign is part of a national effort to bolster organ donor registries in April, which is National Donate Life Month. Hospital staff members are hoping the new 3’-by-5’ flags will motivate their communities to consider the benefits of organ donation and to then join the Nebraska Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

“Organ and tissue donation can save and improve lives in our community, around Nebraska and across the nation, and West Holt Medical Services wants to help drive that point home with this symbolic flag,” said Terri Mitchell, CNO of West Holt Medical Services. “Joining the Donor Registry gives hope to those in need of organ and tissue transplants, while leaving a legacy of generosity for the donor and his or her family.”

More than 500 Nebraska residents are waiting to receive life-saving hearts, livers, lungs, kidneys and other organs. Last year in Nebraska, 45 people donated organs. It was almost a record year for the state but was not enough to meet the growing need in Nebraska, let alone across the country.

In fact, 18 people die every day in the U.S. waiting for an organ transplant and the national waiting list currently is more than 105,000 people.

Those wishing to make a commitment to give the gift of life can register when renewing their driver’s license or by joining online at www.nedonation.org.

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