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[INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME] Partners with Gift of Life to Save Lives, Honoring Donor Program's 50 Years of Service

Rallying Community to Sign Up 50,000 More Organ Donors at donors1.org

CITY, STATE - [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME], [INSERT DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION], is joining <u>Gift</u> <u>of Life Donor Program</u>, our region's vital link between organ donors and patients awaiting transplant, to honor Gift of Life's 50 years of service with a campaign to sign up 50,000 more organ donors and provide hope to the thousands waiting for a transplant. Learn more and register at <u>donors1.org</u>.

"Everyone has the potential to save and transform lives through organ, tissue and cornea donation regardless of age, health or medical history. We are so grateful to [INSERT ORGANIZATION NAME] for spreading the word that donors are heroes and urging everyone to sign up as an organ donor to help end the transplant waitlist. It's fast, easy and private to sign up as a donor today at <u>donors1.org</u>," said Richard D. Hasz, Jr., MFS, CPTC, President and CEO of Gift of Life Donor Program.

Hasz added that donation is never an option for any family until all hope of saving their loved one has been exhausted. Only then does Gift of Life step in to support a hero's family through the donation process with compassion and respect.

[INSERT BACKGROUND OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TOGETHER]

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To learn more and sign up to become an organ donor, visit donors1.org.

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About Gift of Life Donor Program

Gift of Life Donor Program, founded in 1974 and headquartered in Philadelphia, is the federally designated organ procurement organization (OPO) for the eastern half of Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. It works with 126 acute care hospitals and 12 transplant centers in its region, as well as hundreds of transplant centers throughout the country, to provide the most comprehensive array of services available in the U.S. to the donation and transplantation community. Thanks to the generosity of its community, Gift of Life has coordinated 14,196 donors and 39,469 organs for transplant, the most of any OPO in the country since the inception of our national donation system in 1988. Overall, Gift of Life has coordinated more than two million tissue transplants since its founding. One organ donor can save the lives of up to eight people, and a tissue donor can improve the lives of 100 others. To honor Gift of Life's 50 years of saving lives, help us register 50,000 more organ donors and provide hope to the thousands waiting for a transplant. Learn more and register at donors1.org.