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### **TCHC recognized nationally for promoting organ donation**

**WADENA, Minn. – Jan. 9, 2018** – Tri-County Health Care was among a select group of hospitals nationwide recognized for promoting enrollment in state organ donor registries in a national campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The campaign has added more than 400,000 donor enrollments to state registries nationwide.

Tri-County conducted awareness and registry campaigns to educate staff, patients, visitors and community members about the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donors and, by doing so, increased the number of potential donors on the state’s donor registry. The hospital earned points for each activity implemented between October 2016 and April 2017 and was awarded platinum recognition through the HRSA Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Campaign, the highest level of recognition. Tri-County was one of only eight hospitals in the state of Minnesota to receive the platinum award.

“Our hospital and community have been touched by donations in many ways. We live and work with transplant recipients and donor families who inspire our mission. We are honored to be able to join in the effort to save lives and give hope through donation,” said Lois Miller, RN, Tri-County organ/tissue donation program lead. “We are in the process of building a Garden of Hope to honor organ and tissue donors. The garden is located on the grounds of the Wesley Hospital building, and a dedication ceremony is being planned for April.”

This national campaign is a special effort of HRSA’s Workplace Partnership for Life to mobilize the nation’s hospitals to increase the number of people in the country who are registered organ, eye and tissue donors and, ultimately, the number of organs available for transplant.

#### **ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE**

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system located in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as minimally invasive surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a 25-bed hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as six satellite clinics and three physical therapy clinics across Todd, Wadena and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Henning, Bertha, Ottertail, Sebeka, Verndale and Baxter. Visit [TCHC.org](http://TCHC.org).

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