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TCHC honored for promoting organ, eye and tissue donation

WADENA, Minn. – **July 29, 2019** – Tri-County Health Care has earned gold recognition for its efforts to increase organ, eye and tissue donor registrations across the state, through the Workplace Partnership for Life Hospital Organ Donation Campaign.

Between October 2018 and April 2019, Tri-County participated in the Hospital Organ Donation Campaign. The program challenges hospitals and healthcare organizations to "let life bloom" by educating their staff, patients, visitors, and communities about the critical need for organ, eye and tissue donation and by offering them opportunities to register as donors. Tri-County earned points for completing awareness and registry activities during the campaign period.

Tri-County was one of more than 1,480 organizations across the nation to participate in the 2019 campaign and one of 226 organizations to earn gold recognition.

"This recognition is a testament to the important work we are doing to promote organ, eye and tissue donation," said Lois Miller, organ/tissue donation project lead at Tri-County. "We encourage everyone to consider signing up to be an organ donor to make a difference to the thousands of people who are waiting for lifesaving and enhancing transplants."

This year's Hospital Organ Donation Campaign added more than 48,000 registrations to state registries and the Puerto Rico registry, which also includes registrations from the U.S. Virgin Islands. The campaign has generated more than 492,000 registrations since its inception in 2011.

Every 10 minutes, another person is added to the organ transplant list, reaffirming the critical and growing need for registered organ, eye and tissue donors. To sign up as a donor, go to donatelife.net/register.

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 primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, as well as five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics across Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail counties. Satellite clinic locations include Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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