

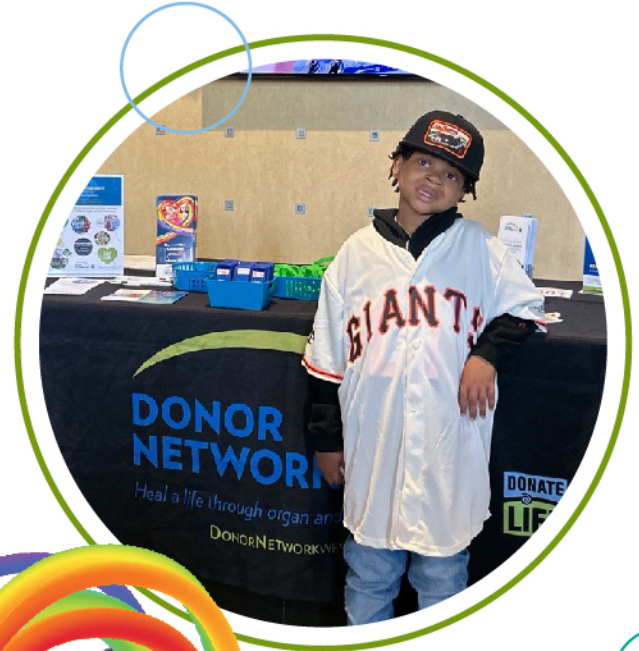
THE BEST OF DONOR NETWORK WEST

June Recap 2024
NEWSLETTER

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Running and Striding For Life

Happy June and Pride Month, Donor Network West family! We are privileged to bring you the Best of Donor Network West and the finest of our communities across our donation service area. We're T-Minus 72 Days from our Donor Network West Foundation's Annual Run/Walk! Find all the information you need to get you and your loved ones ready for the big day and stay tuned for next month's story.



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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt



Proud of Who We Are



#ShareTheLove

A Word with Annie Stickel

Pride is a time of year focused on being proud of who you are and who you choose to love. It's about celebrating the continuous success and prosperity of our LGBTQIA+ friends, family, community members, and those worldwide. Ensuring that our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters feel empowered to be their most authentic selves, in safe environments across all walks of life that must be provided to everyone.

These are some of the imperative messages that our distinguished Director of Community Engagement, Annie Stickel, enriched our community with during this Pride Month. Listen as Annie discusses Pride Month and what it means for our country, community, and organization!



Share the Love

Register as an organ donor!

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Celebrating Love and Hope for All!

At Donor Network West, we believe in the power of unity, acceptance, and equality for all. As we join hands with the LGBTQIA+ community during this special month, we proudly stand as allies, embracing the diversity that enriches our world.

Inclusivity lies at the heart of our mission. We firmly believe that no matter your gender identity or sexual orientation, everyone deserves equal access to life-saving organ and tissue transplants. Our commitment extends to creating a safe and affirming environment for all, free from discrimination and prejudice. We strive to ensure that every person, regardless of who they are or who they love, has the opportunity to live a full and healthy life.



Giant's Donate Life Game Day!

The Triumph of Jah'Seki

On June 12th, we honored pediatric transplant recipient Jah'Seki in partnership with Stanford Children's Health | Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and the San Francisco Giants at the Donate Life Game! Now, he is practicing pitching with one of the Giants' coaches and pitcher Kyle Harrison!



**HOME
RUN**



FOR LIFE



Blake Lalli

Manager and Hero

On June 28th, Reno Aces Manager Blake Lalli, who donated one of his kidneys to his girlfriend Aleah Hartung during Spring Training, took a trip around the bases as part of Donor Network West's Home Run For Life Ceremony.

After discovering Aleah needed a second kidney transplant, Blake didn't hesitate to get tested. Against miraculous odds, he turned out to be a match! They underwent successful kidney donation and transplantation surgeries in March.

"Donor Network West is fortunate to work with passionate organ donation advocates like Aleah and Blake who share their stories to inspire others to join the registry to become organ donors or to become living donor."

Janice Whaley, president and CEO of Donor Network West.

Anyone 18+ years old and in overall good physical and mental health can be a living donor.

Click here to learn more about living kidney donation.



Press Release:



NEW AT TEN

A FINAL WALK TO SAVE LIVES
FRESNO NURSE DONATES ORGANS TO HELP OTHERS

Patrice Sanders

Walk of Honor

DONOR

A final walk to save lives. ❤️💚

Several dozen people gathered at Community Regional Medical Center on Thursday to honor Patrice Sanders before she went into surgery to donate her organs.

“It’s really touching to see all the people that she’s touched and to who she meant so much to.”

- Paige Sanders, Patrice’s sister.

Our very own Senior Director of Donation Development in Fresno, CA, Jaclyn Manzanedo, CTBS gave her thanks to Patrice, her family, CRMC and shared her thoughts on Patrice’s #GiftOfLife and it’s impact in her passing.

Sanders was a Valley Children’s Hospital nurse for 36 years.





Transplant Games of America!

Team CalNev

We signed the Transplant Games of America flag at our San Ramon headquarters! The flag travels across the nation, gaining signatures from participants and other OPOs. The Transplant Games are held every two years around the country and this year Team CalNev is headed to Birmingham, Alabama for the 2024 games. Cheer on Team CalNev starting July 5th! 🏆



TRANSPLANT GAMES
of AMERICA 2024
Birmingham, Alabama



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!

♥ follow @mydnwest on social media ♥
and don't miss a beat!



REMINDER

Submit department updates by the
3rd Monday of each month
to make the next edition of
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**DONOR
NETWORK WEST
FOUNDATION** 
RUN / WALK
— 5k —

**STRIDE
FOR HOPE**

5k.dnwest.org

JOIN US!

Saturday, September 14th
San Ramon, CA | Bishop Ranch



Saturday, September 21st
Fresno, CA | Woodward Park

#StrideForHope This September

Stride into a world of hope, inspiration, and purpose at our annual Donor Network West Foundation Run/Walks, our dynamic fundraisers that honor the extraordinary gift of life from donor heroes and families, raising awareness about the importance of organ, eye, and tissue donation.

This event is more than a run... It's a celebration of resilience, community, and the profound impact each participant can make towards providing hope now to those in need of a life-saving transplant.

We're so excited and proud to host our first Donor Network West Foundation 5K Run/Walk in Fresno, CA! Register and get your tickets now for early bird pricing!

Click here and join one of our Run/Walks



It is with great excitement that we cordially invite you to our upcoming Run/Walk Kick-Off Meetings!

These inspiring and empowering in-person gatherings are perfect for those interested in becoming team captains or for those looking for opportunities for you to learn more about how to get involved with our Run/Walks in any capacity.

We will share tips and tricks on how to share your powerful story, inspire your community and motivate your loved ones in making a difference. You will also get the chance to meet others who are participating in Run/Walk as well.

Register for the gathering of your choosing by clicking the button below. We look forward to getting Run/Walk ready with you!

Fresno Event Details:

Date: Saturday, July 20th

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM

Location: 6721 N. Willow Ave., Suite 104, Fresno, CA 93710



San Ramon Event Details:

Date: Saturday, July 13th

Time: 9 AM - 12 PM

Location: 12667 Alcosta Blvd, 5th floor, Suite 500., San Ramon, CA



Click Here!



**Donor Network West
Foundation Run/Walk
Kick Off RSVP**





YOU'RE NOT ALONE
Transplant Support Group

The world of organ donation and transplantation is a beautiful miracle, providing us with the ability to save and heal lives as a community. However, the #GiftOfLife is often connected to tragedy and circumstances that are hard for us to overcome on our own.

Whether you are a recipient, a living donor, or a family member of a donor, you're more than welcome to share this space with like-minded individuals to gain support, encouragement, comfort, and information that can help you through your process.

Join us every Third Tuesday of the month

4:30 PM PST in person at:
5440 Reno Corporate Dr., Reno, NV 89511

Via Zoom
<https://dnwest.zoom.us/j/84733307254>





PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT **iTx Update!**

Did you know that iTx has some built-in data quality features? One of these features is a future date visual warning. If a date more than 2 months into the future is entered into a date field, the field background turns orange. If you see this orange background, confirm that the date you are entering is accurate.



BEST OF SIERRA NEVADA VOTING

At Donor Network West, we're all incredibly grateful to have been nominated in two categories in the Best of Sierra Nevada Contest.

The work of our incredible teams across our DSA alongside our phenomenal communities has led us to be nominated in the Non-Profit Organization category and the Best Customer Service category!

Voting has closed, thank you to all who voted and supported us, and furthering our mission!



Community Engagement

Events June through August 2024

DATE

EVENT DESCRIPTION

7/5-7/10

The Transplant Games of America in Birmingham, Alabama

7/9

Donate life ambassador training on Tuesday, July 9 from 4 PM to 6 PM

8/13

An international medical student presentation on organ, eye and tissue donation at Stanford University

EAST BAY

6/15

Vallejo Juneteenth festival and parade at the Barbara Kondylis waterfront green

6/19

Let freedom roll East County Juneteenth celebration at Paradise skate in Antioch

8/6

South Vallejo national night out at Emmanuel Temple, apostolic church

8/10

Laurel World Music St. Festival in Oakland

SOUTH BAY

6/19

San Jose earthquakes game at PayPal Park Juneteenth ceremony against the Portland Timbers

6/23

National kidney walk at PayPal Park with the national kidney foundation

6/30

South Bay Ambassador meet up at Parque de Los Pobladores - Gore Park in San Jose

7/7

San Jose earthquake game at PayPal Park against Nashville

NOMO

6/15

Stockton Juneteenth at the downtown Stockton Weber point, "love respect, honor, 2024"

6/22

Stockton pride family day at MLK park

8/19

National Senior day bingo with Bristol hospice in Ceres

Please contact Annie Stickel regarding more information:

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Events June through August 2024

DATE

EVENT DESCRIPTION

FRESNO

6/15	Fresno Juneteenth at Valdez Hall convention and visitor center “ forging, a legacy of shared prosperity, justice, and cultural harmony”
6/22	Univision health and resource fair at the Manchester Center
6/28	Foster Farms, safety health and wellness fair at Foster Farms Belgravia plant

RENO

6/28	Home Run for Life at the Greater Nevada Field (Aces Stadium)
7/12	Home Run for Life at the Greater Nevada Field (Aces Stadium)
7/20	Asian Community Development Council Back to School Family Health Resource St Theresa Church of the Little Flower, 875 E Plumb Ln Reno, NV 89502-3507
7/24	Orvis School of Nursing Baseball Ticket Fundraiser , UNR in Reno
7/28	Asian Community Development Council Back to School Family Health Resource Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2900 N McCarran Blvd Sparks, NV 89431
8/23	Home Run for Life at the Greater Nevada Field (Aces Stadium)
8/23-8/25	Fallon Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair: at the 3C Event Complex Transplant Support Group at Donor Network West Northern NV headquarters: 4:30-5:30 PM
6/18	Transplant Support Group at Donor Network West Northern NV headquarters: 4:30-5:30 PM
7/16	Transplant Support Group at Donor Network West Northern NV headquarters: 4:30-5:30 PM
8/20	Transplant Support Group at Donor Network West Northern NV headquarters: 4:30-5:30 PM

WEST BAY

6/12	Donate life day with the San Francisco Giants
6/29-30th	San Francisco pride at Civic Center
7/23-7/28	National Black nurses association conference in San Francisco
8/3	UCSF pediatric transplant picnic

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Sandy Olsen

Happy Retirement!

Wishing our Controller, Sandy Olsen a happy retirement! After nearly 15 years with Donor Network West, June 28 marked her last day with the organization. Her connection to donation and passion for the mission showed in her work daily.

In 2020, when the Covid-19 pandemic caused a lot of organizations to downsize their workforce, Sandy worked with Janice to navigate all the options to ensure Donor Network West didn't suffer the same fate. Her dedication paid off as no one was laid off due to the pandemic and the organization in good standing.

She has graciously offered to support Donor Network West in a transition utilizing her institutional knowledge.

We wish her the best in her new adventure and appreciate the value to the organization.





Fresh Faces, Same Mission

We had the privilege of introducing our incredible new hires to the ins and outs of Donor Network West, our mission, and how the #GiftOfLife fuels our cause daily.



We take pride in maintaining a culture of teamwork, integrity, and passion for driving quality and changing lives. We encourage visionary ideas that make a difference in the lives of others.





2023

Report to Community
HOPE NOW

It is our privilege to bring you our official Report-To-Community for the 2023 year! In this RTC, you will find stories that inspired our communities, statistics that will blow you away, and a multitude of reminders that our mission imperative for our community and the nation.

The work you do every day for this organization has led to the incredible results that you will find here. It is an honor to share the incredible job our organization does with our community, and we hope you feel that same pride as well!

CHECK IT OUT!

