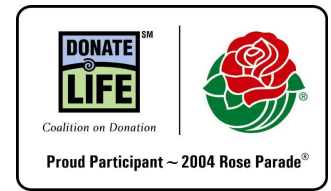




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22 TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS, ORGAN DONORS AND DONOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO RIDE INAUGURAL COALITION ON DONATION ROSE PARADE® FLOAT

Riders' Stories of Hope Inspire "A Symphony of Life"

Los Angeles, Calif. – When the 2004 Rose Parade ushers in the New Year, it will also mark a milestone in raising awareness of the critical and growing need for organ and tissue donation as 22 men and women from throughout the country come together to ride the first-ever Coalition on Donation Rose Parade float.

“Each rider tells a unique story about the adversities and triumphs that define one’s experience as a donor or transplant recipient,” said Bryan Stewart, chairman of the Coalition’s float committee and director of communications for OneLegacy, the transplant donor network serving Southern California. “We hope that the ethnic, cultural and geographic diversity of our float riders and their personal stories will help millions of viewers understand that through donation, we each have the power to help one another in a most profound way.”

“More than 80,000 Americans currently await organ transplants, while every year hundreds of thousands of people need donated tissue to prevent or cure blindness, heal burns or save limbs,”

stated David Fleming, executive director of the Coalition on Donation. “The Rose Parade offers a unique setting to inspire people to make the commitment to donate life and discuss organ and tissue donation with their family.”

Riders were nominated by organ and tissue recovery organizations, research foundations and transplant centers nationwide. Leading the contingent are Dr. Kenneth P. Moritsugu, U.S. Deputy Surgeon General and an organ donor husband and father, and snowboarder Chris Klug, who received a life-saving liver transplant 18 months before winning a bronze medal at Salt Lake City 2002.

Of special interest are Los Angeles residents Patricia Abdullah and Mike Jones, whose chance meeting in a seminar inspired her to donate him a life-saving kidney. The full list of riders, who represent California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, is attached.

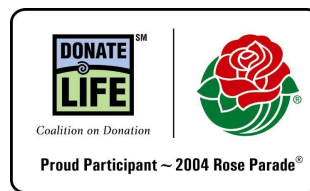
The riders range in age from 12 to 63, and both the youngest and oldest are heart recipients. Fifteen of the riders are transplant recipients and seven are donors or donor family members.

In addition to Abdullah and Jones, eight donors and recipients from Southern California will ride the float on Jan. 1 (in alphabetical order):

- **Patricia Abdullah**, Sherman Oaks, editor/writer, gave her kidney two years ago to a seminar classmate, fellow float rider Mike Jones. Patricia, who belongs to the Muslim Public Affairs Council, lives her belief that “we’re all one people;”
- **Dionne Brown**, Oxnard, age 14, who will celebrate the one-year anniversary of her heart transplant in January, is a cheerleader and an aspiring dancer/choreographer;
- **R. Doyle Campbell**, Whittier, Assistant Sheriff and a 30-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, received a liver 17 years ago after being diagnosed with liver cancer. He is still a sports enthusiast at age 57;
- **Sara Castro**, Pico Rivera, age 12, began life as the 85th baby under six months of age to receive heart transplant. Sara, who received her transplant at five weeks, competed in the 2000 U.S. Transplant Games;
- **Patricia Elizarraraz**, Rowland Heights, patient education consultant for the National Institute of Transplantation. Patricia, who has received three kidney transplants—two from her family—in the past two decades, is now 44;
- **Eunice Gibson**, Los Angeles, registered nurse, watched a case of pneumonia in 1989 progress into a life-threatening lung disease. A double-lung recipient last year, Eunice today devotes time to raising awareness of donation and transplantation in the African-American community;
- **Mike Jones**, Los Angeles, was experiencing end-stage renal failure two years ago when he met Patricia Abdullah at a professional development seminar. As part of the program, Patricia prompted him to make an “unreasonable request” of her, which resulted in his receiving her kidney a few months later;
- **Phat Mach**, Westminster, is an honors student who came to the U.S. from Vietnam at age 10. A year later, he was diagnosed with kidney disease and received a transplant in June. He is now 17;
- **Sharon Maupin**, Sierra Madre, a vibrant great-grandmother who battled with hepatitis C infection for 30 years as a result of a tainted blood transfusion. Sharon, who finally received a liver transplant in April, is a youthful 59; and
- **Catalina (Cathy) Perez**, Whittier, 32, sales representative, became a “Donor Mom” when she donated her five-year-old son’s organs after he suffered fatal head injuries in an car accident. Five years later, Cathy works actively to raise donor awareness and keep Louis’s memory alive.



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2004 Coalition on Donation Rose Parade® Float Float Riders

Name	Rel'ship to Donation/Transplant	Age	Sex	Occupation	Hometown	Notes
Patricia Abdullah	Living kidney donor	40s	F	Editor/writer	Sherman Oaks, CA	Gave a kidney to a seminar classmate and fellow float rider Mike Jones in 2001; member of the Muslim Public Affairs Council; lives her belief that "we're all one people"; descendant of Hawaiian Ali'i (royal family).
Brent Axthelm	Liver recip.	15	M	High school student	Chagrin Falls, OH	Diagnosed with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) in fifth grade; high school honor student, jazz band, debate team; LifeBanc educator; transplanted at University Hospital, Cleveland.
Darlene Aymerich	Donor mom/Living donor	52	F	Family Support Counselor/Community Ed/RN, UNYTS	Akron, NY	Donor mom and living donor; gave kidney to brother in 1993; 2-1/2 years later, daughter Shannon became a donor following an auto accident; Shannon's kidney recipient Vickie has become like an extended family member.
Kari Barlament	Donor wife	28	F	Homemaker	Brillion, WI	This past April, husband Eric died in an auto accident; miraculously, Kari and her unborn daughter survived; donated husband's tissues in accordance with his prior

						wishes; daughter Erica accompanying her to Pasadena.
Gene Battaly	Heart recip.	63	M	Retired radio/TV broadcasting professional	Memphis, TN	Received a heart transplant in 1995 at UCLA; 20-year career in radio and TV broadcasting; served as firefighter and elected municipal administrator; author of autobiography "A Heart Full of Life."
Dionne Brown	Heart recip.	14	F	Student	Oxnard, CA	Will celebrate the one-year anniversary of her heart transplant in January; cheerleader; wants to be a choreographer; transplanted at UCLA.
R. Doyle Campbell	Liver recip.	57	M	Assistant Sheriff, LA County Sheriff's Dept.	Whittier, CA	Assistant Sheriff and 30-year veteran of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; stricken with liver cancer, received a liver in 1986 at UCLA; sports enthusiast.
Carissa Carmichael	Heart recip.	21	F	College student	Murrieta, CA	Born in Hawaii with heart defect; due to illness, could not walk with class at high school graduation; unable to attend prom; attending school full-time to become an elementary school teacher; transplanted at UCLA.
Sara Castro	Heart recip.	12	F	Student	Pico Rivera, CA	Received heart at age five weeks at Loma Linda University Medical Center; 85th baby under six months of age to receive a heart transplant; competed in bowling at 2000

						World Transplant Games in France.
Patricia Elizarraraz	Kidney recip.	42	F	Pharmaceutical representative	Rowland Heights, CA	Patient education consultant for National Institute of Transplantation; has received three kidneys (two from family) since 1981; transplanted at St. Vincent Medical Center.
Eunice Gibson	Double lung recip.	50s	F	Registered nurse	Los Angeles, CA	In 1989, a case of pneumonia developed into a life-threatening lung disease; devoted to raising awareness of donation/transplantation in African American community; volunteers for OneLegacy; transplanted at USC University Hospital.

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Float Riders (cont'd)

Name	Rel'ship to Donation/Transplant	Age	Sex	Occupation	Hometown	Notes
Kathy M. Gibson	Kidney recip.	53	F	Homemaker/Volunteer	Clearwater, FL	Received a kidney from husband in Oct 1998; due to rejection, needed and received a second kidney from a deceased donor; volunteers for LifeLink of Florida, the regional organ procurement organization.
Mike Jones	Kidney recip.	40s	M	TBD	Los Angeles, CA	Met his kidney donor, Patricia Abdullah, at a seminar in 2001; as part of the program, she prompted him to make an "unreasonable request" of her, resulting in him receiving a kidney several months

						later; transplanted at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.
Chris Klug	Liver recip.	30	M	Professional snowboarder	Vail, CO	2002 Olympic bronze medalist, snowboarding; won Olympic medal 18 months after receiving liver transplant at University Hospital in Denver.
Barbara Lawrence	Donor mom	55	F	RN, Baptist Hospital in Miami	Miami, FL	Son Sean C. Carmody became a donor; will graduate from University of Miami RN/BSN programs in Dec. 2003; volunteers and serves as Medical Advisory Board member for Life Alliance, the Miami area organ procurement organization.
Phat Mach	Kidney recip.	17	M	Student	Westminster, CA	Honor student immigrated from Vietnam at age 10; received a kidney this past June at UCLA, inspiring his teacher Cork Snider to make a donation-awareness bike ride this past summer from Sacramento to Kansas City.
Sharon Maupin	Liver recip.	60	F	Retired	Sierra Madre, CA	A vibrant great-grandmother; battled hepatitis C infection from tainted blood transfusion for 30 years before receiving a liver transplant in April at UCLA.
RADM Kenneth P. Moritsugu, MD, MPH	Donor husband/father	58	M	U.S. Deputy Surgeon General	Honolulu, HI	Deputy Surgeon General of the U.S.
Catalina M. ("Cathy") Perez	Donor mom	32	F	Sales representative	Whittier, CA	Five years ago, donated the organs of her five-year-old son Louis Armani Silva; works actively in Hispanic

						community to raise awareness and honor her son.
Patricia K. ("Pat") Perry	Donor wife	60	F	Retired	Beecher, IL	Husband Don, a police sergeant for the Cook County Forest Preserve District, became an organ and tissue donor after suffering stroke during the heat wave of 1995; his kidney recipient was able to marry and have a child after transplant; Pat volunteers with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, Illinois' organ procurement organization.
Gerald W. ("Jerry") Prose	Heart recip.	49	M	Retired Army officer	Henderson, NV	Received heart transplant in August 2000 at UCLA; Married with two children and two grandsons; competed in 2002 U.S. Transplant Games in 1000 meter run and 20km cycling; media spokesperson and volunteer with Nevada Donor Network, the state's organ procurement organization.
Ryan Zinn	Heart recip.	30	M	Engineer	Columbus, OH	Received heart transplant at age 15 after battling congestive heart failure for nine months; high school valedictorian and track record holder; earned masters in engineering; U.S. and World Transplant Games participant since 1992; volunteers for Lifeline of

