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Tri-City Medical Center Awarded Platinum Recognition for its Organ Donation Advocacy

North County hospital earns highest honor for organ, eye and tissue outreach efforts

OCEANSIDE, Calif. – Tri-City Medical Center has received platinum level recognition, the highest honor, from the national Hospital Organ Donation Campaign for its efforts driving organ, eye and tissue donation and registration.

The award-winning hospital partners with Lifesharing, a Donate Life organization, to educate and register new donors to help reduce the organ shortage crisis. California's waiting list is the longest in the U.S. with more than 22,000 men, women and children waiting for an organ transplant. On average, three people die waiting each day in California. A single donor can save up to eight lives.

"We are proud of our record encouraging the community to register for organ donation," said Sharon Schultz, Chief Executive Nurse of Tri-City Medical Center. "Our physicians, nurses and staff understand that organ donation saves lives, and they work diligently to raise awareness and encourage patients to register to help meet California's dire need."

For information on becoming an organ donor and to sign up, please visit http://donatelifecalifornia.org/tri-citymedicalcenter

About Tri-City Medical Center

Tri-City Medical Center has served its community for over 50 years and is a 397 bed full service, acute-care hospital in Oceanside, Calif. with a primary care clinic and over 700 physicians practicing in 60 specialties. Its Gold Seal of Approval® from the Joint Commission recognizes its commitment to safe and effective patient care for the residents of the community it serves. It operates the only Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in North County as well as an Orthopaedic & Spine Institute, a Cardiovascular Health Institute and a Neuroscience Institute along with the Tri-City Wellness Center in Carlsbad, Calif., recognized as one of the best wellness centers in San Diego County. It also specializes in women's health, robotic surgery, cancer and emergency care.

For more information about Tri-City Medical Center and Tri-City Healthcare District, please visit www.tricitymed.org.

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