



# Life Goes On

Secretary of State Jesse White • Fall 2007  
A newsletter for Secretary of State facility employees and other organ/tissue donation advocates

The new donor registry has surpassed 2.5 million people! Because of the hard work of employees, volunteers and transplant community members, more people than ever have experienced the miracle of organ donation.

The transition from our "intent" registry to our new "consent" registry is a work in progress. There are still people who do not understand that if they registered prior to Jan. 1, 2006, they must re-register. It is our job to inform everyone who visits our facilities, and you have done quite well as evident in new facility donor statistics.

I always remind those in other states who are planning donor programs that their most important asset is facility staff. You are the people on the front lines of donation – the ones who make the program a success. I commend you for your commitment. Those waiting for a lifesaving transplant and those who have received transplants thank you.

*Jesse White*

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## Donor registry surpasses 2.5 million

### Facilities see record increase in donors

Two-and-a-half million people are a lot of people no matter how you look at it. The fact that we have spread the new donor message to that many people in Illinois in just a little more than 18 months is truly an accomplishment.

Driver Services facilities are experiencing record numbers of visitors who are saying "yes" to donation, according to a facility statistics report released recently (see back page). The report covers an 18-month period from Jan. 1, 2006, through July 31, 2007. The percentage of visitors joining the new registry is much higher than the percentage the office realized on the old registry.

"We are very pleased to see such an increase in the percentage of people joining the new donor registry," said Secretary of State Jesse White. "The average percentage of people joining the old registry before Jan. 1, 2006, was about 50 percent. Now we are seeing facilities with 70, 80, even 90 percent of their visitors joining the new registry!"

In the meantime, donor staff is everywhere, fanned out across Illinois, talking to people at health fairs, hospital health awareness events, in high schools and colleges, and at businesses large and

small spreading the word about joining the new registry. Staff members distribute brochures, Life Goes On wristbands and pens, and register people everywhere there is a crowd. Many keep supplies on hand in their vehicles and tote bags, ready to reach in and grab a handful of wristbands to hand out at an event they may happen upon.

Facility employees are encouraged to review the statistics on the back of this newsletter and compare theirs with other facility percentages. The facility statistics will be a regular feature in the newsletter as a way for facilities to track their efforts and set new goals for donor participation.



Secretary of State Jesse White signs autographs with Chicago White Sox players during the White Sox donor event at the James R. Thompson Center.

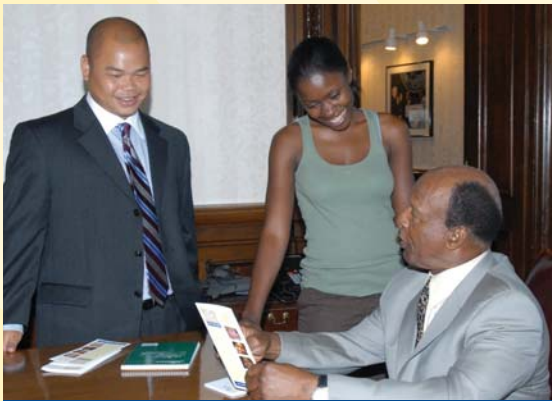
### It's easy to join the new registry:

- Visit [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com) (it only takes 60 seconds to register online).
- Visit any Driver Services facility and say "yes" to the donor question.
- Call the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program hotline at 800-210-2106.
- Complete and mail the registration card on the YOU DECIDE brochure.

## New Organ/Tissue Donor Program staff

**Sitha Hun** — A member of the staff for several years, Sitha (pronounced Seeta) is the new community outreach coordinator for Springfield and the surrounding area. He also is continuing his regular staff duties.

**Kenesha Greer** — A student at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Kenesha has joined the staff as a regional coordinator. She will help coordinate donor drives and community awareness activities on the SIU-E campus and surrounding community as well as in the Metro-East St. Louis area.



Sitha Hun and Kenesha Greer discuss the new donor registry with Secretary of State Jesse White in his State Capitol office.

**Jamie Booker** — Jamie is the program's new office manager in Springfield. Among her duties are fielding telephone calls, registering donors, answering e-mails and assisting regional coordinators with their requests.

**Tonisha Daniels** — A liver transplant recipient featured in the Secretary of State's donor commercial in April 2006, Tonisha has joined the staff as a regional coordinator in Champaign. Now a freshman at the University of Illinois, she worked at a Driver Services facility over the summer and will help promote donation on the U of I campus and surrounding area.

**Michael Henderson** — A kidney recipient formerly with the Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network in Elmhurst, Michael joins the donor program as a regional coordinator in the Chicago suburban area. Mike will help coordinate donor drives and community events, present programs to high schools and other donor awareness activities.

## National Donor Sabbath — November 9-11

The 12th annual National Donor Sabbath on Nov. 9-11 is a time to celebrate the miracle of organ/tissue donation in places of worship in Illinois and across the country. Everyone who visits a place of worship is encouraged to talk to their clergy or spiritual leaders regarding getting the donor message out to their congregations during the Donor Sabbath. For materials, please call Sitha Hun at 800-210-2106. For ways to participate during the National Donor Sabbath, visit [www.giftofhope.org](http://www.giftofhope.org).

## Life Goes On newsletter wins AAMVA International Award

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) awarded its highest honor in the Public Affairs and Consumer Education Competition to the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Program's *Life Goes On* newsletter. The newsletter, first published in January 2003, is targeted toward Secretary of State facility employees who are on the front lines of organ/tissue donation, as well as donor organizations in the state. The newsletter beat out other government entries in the MidWest region before being recognized as the international winner.

"This award says a lot about our focus on our message to reach out to employees, donors, recipients and their families, procurement agencies and others involved with donor awareness efforts," said Secretary of State Jesse White. "I am honored that our office's donor publications have been recognized as some of the best in the nation, keeping Illinois at the forefront of donor efforts nationally."

Other winning Secretary of State entries at the AAMVA regional level included the "You Decide" brochure and the "She Counts on You Too..." poster.



**NATO Theatre Promotions** — Secretary of State Jesse White hosted a luncheon for members of the National Association of Theatre Owners who partnered with the office in April to promote organ/tissue donor awareness. Approximately 900 Illinois theater screens owned by members of the organization aired the organ/tissue donor public service announcement free in an effort to spread the donor message to the theater-going public.

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## Spreading the word one event at a time

Secretary of State Jesse White, Organ/Tissue Donor Program staff and volunteers fanned out across Illinois this summer to promote organ/tissue donation.



Secretary of State Jesse White throws out the first pitch at a Southern Illinois Miner's baseball game in Marion. Donor staff manned a donor booth during the minor league game and registered more than 300 people in the new registry.



Regional coordinator Damarius Blanks, second from right, joins volunteer Cheryl Mangold (left), kidney recipient Jim Mangold and Christy Ganson, whose father died while waiting for an organ transplant, at a donor booth during a Peoria Chiefs baseball game.



Donor Program regional coordinator Kim Funk mans the donor booth in the Secretary of State's tent at the Illinois State Fair.



Secretary of State Jesse White joins Chicago White Sox announcer Ed Farmer, far right, and two Chicago White Sox players at the White Sox autograph-signing event at the James R. Thompson Center.



Boy Scout Andrew Giese of Troop 468 coordinated a donor registration drive as part of his Eagle Scout project at the Arlington Heights Fourth of July parade. Andrew's brother, Daniel, received a double lung transplant seven years ago from family members.



Gift of Hope's Roxanne White (left) joins Organ/Tissue Donor Program regional coordinators Mike Henderson and Margaret Pearson at a donor booth at Joliet's Silver Cross Hospital.

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- A person can receive a kidney from a living donor with a different blood type if they undergo a process both before and after the transplant, which removes harmful antibodies from the blood as well as removal of the spleen. (Courtesy of the United Network for Organ Sharing.)
- A "domino transplant" makes some heart-lung recipients living heart donors by receiving both organs from a deceased donor and giving their own healthy heart to another person. Many times the heart-lung combined transplant works best when both organs come from the same donor. (Courtesy of the United Network for Organ Sharing.)
- The first living kidney transplant was performed in 1954 between identical twins Ronald and Richard Herrick in Boston. Richard, the transplant recipient, lived another eight years, dying from causes not related to his kidney transplant. Robert, the donor twin, is still living 53 years later in Maine.

## Mike Papineau update

Regional coordinator Mike Papineau of the south Chicago suburbs has had some health setbacks this spring and summer. Suffering effects from rejection of his donor kidney, Mike has experienced seizures and has had a hip replacement. Due to his heart attack in February, he has been in and out of the hospital several times. Mike and his wife, Peg, hope he will be strong enough to have another kidney transplant soon.

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FACILITY STATISTICS

Facility #	Facility Name	Total Visitors	Joining Visitors	Percentage
206	Aledo	6,375	4428	69.46%
5	Anna	5,504	4513	81.99%
253	Aurora	57,311	48871	85.27%
107	Beardstown	5,036	3368	66.88%
27	Belleville/Swansea	32,123	25706	80.02%
230	Belvidere	22,729	19412	85.41%
1	Benton	9,528	7978	83.73%
76	Bethalto	21,734	16549	76.14%
128	Bloomington	40,786	39619	97.14%
177	Bradley	26,972	23614	87.55%
311	Bridgeview	115,108	66516	57.79%
105	Canton	8,162	6115	74.92%
26	Carbondale	17,096	15796	92.40%
2	Cario	2,623	1745	66.53%
78	Carlinville	7,946	5505	69.28%
34	Carlyle	2,521	1847	73.26%
3	Carmi	4,624	3479	75.24%
106	Carthage	4,951	3293	66.51%
29	Centralia	7,432	5257	70.73%
231	Chadwick	6,455	4676	72.44%
151	Champaign	37,708	31195	82.73%
302	Charles Chew Jr.	142,230	68116	47.89%
158	Charleston	8,404	7726	91.93%
306	Chicago Central	132,048	103961	78.73%
304	Chicago Heights	72,388	42613	58.87%
303	Chicago North	156,837	93615	59.69%
301	Chicago West	125,769	72740	57.84%
130	Clinton	5,305	4389	82.73%
152	Danville/Tilton	17,966	11922	66.36%
127	Decatur	28,768	23857	82.93%
308	Deerfield	73,687	53068	72.02%
228	DeKalb	27,019	26925	99.65%
322	Diversey Express	52,583	29674	56.43%
233	Dixon	7,844	7038	89.72%
30	E. St. Louis	18,590	12678	68.20%
80	Edwardsville	25,045	21468	85.72%
51	Effingham	12,906	10665	82.64%
252	Elgin	65,295	50592	77.48%
314	Elk Grove Village	10,969	7814	71.24%
57	Fairfield	4,017	2296	57.16%
55	Flora	3,840	2212	57.60%
227	Freeport	14,507	11955	82.41%
232	Galena	5,382	4702	87.37%
203	Galesburg	13,410	10883	81.16%
157	Gibson City	4,240	3267	77.05%
77	Granite City	20,433	13180	64.50%
81	Greenville	7,424	5256	70.80%
4	Harrisburg	7,374	5240	71.06%
132	Havana	4,522	2815	62.25%
82	Hillsboro	7,273	5719	78.63%
154	Hoopeston	3,782	2207	58.36%
102	Jacksonville	11,472	8306	72.40%
79	Jerseyville	11,069	8105	73.22%
176	Joliet	72,343	54731	75.65%
204	Kewanee	7,332	5867	80.02%
207	Lacon	6,443	4620	71.71%
181	LaSalle	10,143	8407	82.88%
59	Lawrenceville	3,758	2503	66.60%
276	Libertyville	79,446	63184	79.53%
131	Lincoln	7,799	6304	80.83%

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251	Lombard	115,397	81947	71.01%
104	Macomb	9,928	8626	86.89%
6	Marion	16,499	14799	89.70%
159	Mattoon	9,917	8015	80.82%
11	McLeansboro	2,259	1426	63.13%
310	Melrose Crossing	82,512	48936	59.31%
184	Mendota	4,987	3735	74.89%
12	Metropolis	4,810	3208	66.69%
307	Midlothian	96,521	59742	61.90%
202	Moline	41,228	34806	84.42%
208	Monmouth	5,556	4063	73.13%
135	Monticello	5,242	4177	79.68%
180	Morris	16,284	14905	91.53%
54	Mt. Carmel	4,035	2673	66.25%
32	Mt. Vernon	8,945	6583	73.59%
254	Naperville	94,399	71302	75.53%
35	Nashville	7,606	6088	80.04%
309	Niles	106,283	56328	53.00%
52	Olney	5,879	4378	74.47%
234	Oregon	8,461	7601	89.84%
320	Orland Park	51,148	46379	90.68%
178	Ottawa	10,416	9987	95.88%
153	Paris	6,862	4594	66.95%
129	Pekin	21,439	17650	82.33%
201	Peoria	49,704	44961	90.46%
36	Pincneyville	5,033	3404	67.63%
103	Pittsfield	4,609	3091	67.06%
183	Plano	21,319	20077	94.17%
179	Pontiac	8,725	6688	76.65%
205	Princeton	7,056	6137	86.98%
101	Quincy	17,970	14024	78.04%
321	Randolph Street	54,140	46768	86.38%
155	Rantoul	8,554	7497	87.64%
134	Roanoke	11,302	7757	68.63%
53	Robinson	5,973	4050	67.81%
226	Rockford Central	37,851	32948	87.05%
216	Rockford Express/CDL	22,420	18765	83.70%
225	Roscoe Express	7,017	6952	99.07%
33	Salem	6,000	4475	74.58%
305	Schaumburg	136,472	94890	69.53%
83	Shelbyville	4,164	2884	69.26%
312	South Holland	10,621	8795	82.81%
28	Sparta	8,447	6022	71.29%
126	Springfield (Klein)	32,552	26242	80.62%
137	Springfield (Sp Type)	19,918	17726	88.99%
229	Sterling	12,162	9865	81.11%
182	Streator	6,185	4508	72.89%
133	Taylorville	9,787	7609	77.75%
156	Tuscola	6,012	4340	72.19%
84	Vandalia	4,480	3104	69.29%
7	Vienna	3,508	2081	59.32%
37	Waterloo	15,370	12312	80.10%
160	Watseka	7,158	5412	75.61%
277	Waukegan	46,802	34315	73.32%
279	West Chicago	7,698	6850	88.98%
255	Wheaton	31,598	30123	95.33%
278	Woodstock	67,907	63964	94.19%
209	Wyoming	2,660	1825	68.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3,170,173</b>	<b>2,312,511</b>	<b>72.95%</b>