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ONELEGACY SETS NATIONAL RECORD IN 2006 WITH 433 ORGAN DONORS; MORE THAN 1,300 LIVES SAVED

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 22, 2007 – OneLegacy, the non-profit, federally designated organ and tissue recovery organization serving seven counties in the greater Los Angeles area, announced its seventh consecutive record-breaking year and national records in donors and lives saved by a single organ recovery organization.

Working in concert with more than 200 hospital partners, OneLegacy coordinated 433 organ donors and the transplantation of 1,338 recovered organs. Both marks set new national records, with a 16% increase in donors and a 9% increase in recovered organs transplanted over the previous year. Since 2000, the number of organ donors and recovered organs transplanted coordinated by OneLegacy has increased 51% and 47%, respectively. Organ donation consent rates – the percentage of families who agree to donation at the time they are approached – increased by 10% year-over-year, from 56% to 62%.

“We are proud to serve Southern California’s multicultural communities with our life-saving mission,” said OneLegacy CEO Tom Mone. “We are privileged to facilitate individuals’ and families’ decisions to donate life, which exemplify our capacity to help one another, even at times of overwhelming personal loss.

“There are many contributors to OneLegacy’s record performance, starting with donors and their families who are so generous at such a difficult time. They are guided by OneLegacy’s staff of healthcare professionals, including family care coordinators who are specially trained to guide families sensitively through the donation process, including requesting consent for donation.”

OneLegacy’s performance is remarkable given the closure of three local kidney and liver transplant programs in 2006. In California and nationwide, approximately 75% of those on the waiting list seek kidney transplants. Despite these challenges, the number of recovered kidneys and livers transplanted increased 15% and 12%, respectively.

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OneLegacy also recovers donated tissue throughout its seven-county service area as an FDA-certified tissue bank. A single tissue donor can give corneas, bone and skin that can enhance the lives of up to 50 people. In 2006, OneLegacy recovered tissue from 889 tissue donors, compared with 397 in 2005, with the increase due primarily to an expansion of tissue recovery responsibilities in partnership with Tissue Banks International.

OneLegacy is supported by more than 200 hospital partners, 23 of which were recognized last October by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services for meeting the national initiative's goal of a 75% organ donation rate.

In addition, state legislation made it much more accessible for Californians to register their wishes to be organ and tissue donors. By checking 'YES' on driver's license and I.D. card application and renewal forms at the California Department of Motor Vehicles, approximately 5,000 Californians per day are signing up on the Donate Life California Organ & Tissue Donor Registry.

OneLegacy's hundreds of volunteer "Ambassadors" also played a significant role in inspiring the community to donate life by sharing their stories with the media, organizing community events, participating in April's annual Donate Life Run/Walk at Cal State Fullerton, and decorating the Donate Life Rose Parade Float in Pasadena, which sends a positive message to a worldwide viewing audience each New Year's Day.

As a result of the high performance of OneLegacy and California's three sister agencies, the number of patients listed in California for extra-renal organs remained stable, and in some cases declined slightly. The number of kidney transplant candidates continues to climb, however, and now number more than 15,000 in the state and nearly 70,000 nationwide.

"While we are seeing real progress, the need for donated organs and tissues remains as great as ever," said Mone. "We will continue to expand our capabilities to ensure that donor families and transplant recipients, their families and communities benefit from the gift of organ and tissue donation and transplantation."

Since 1977, OneLegacy has served as the bridge between donors and patients awaiting life-saving transplants. OneLegacy serves 19 million residents in the seven-county greater Los Angeles area and is the primary source of information regarding organ and tissue donation and transplantation in Southern California. Those wishing to make the commitment to donate may register online at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or its Spanish-language counterpart, www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org. For more information, call OneLegacy at (800) 786-4077 or visit www.onelegacy.org.

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(Editor's note: See attached for OneLegacy performance statistics)



OneLegacy Performance, 2000-2006

Performance Measure	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006 vs 2005	Since 2000
Organ Donors	287	333	314	328	346	373	433	+16%	+51%
Kidneys Transplanted	459	503	505	564	554	578	665	+15%	+45%
Livers Transplanted	220	262	253	243	275	294	328	+12%	+49%
Hearts Transplanted	110	111	138	122	123	135	138	+2%	+25%
Lungs Transplanted	43	44	74	72	94	131	120	-8%	+179%
Pancreas Transplanted	73	85	79	81	70	82	80	-2%	+10%
Small Intestines Tx'd	1	1	6	6	0	3	7	+133%	+600%
Total Organs Tx'd	913	1,006	1,057	1,101	1,114	1,223	1,338	+9%	+47%

Source: OneLegacy data. May vary from UNOS, CMS, and AOPO data due to varying organ count methodologies that result in aggregate variance of 2 to 6 organs.

OneLegacy service area: Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.