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LifeCenter Northwest honors Swedish Medical Center with Awards in Organ and Tissue Donation Achievements

Local organ procurement organization, LifeCenter Northwest is proud to announce the presentation of their 2017 Achievement Awards for Organ and Tissue Donation. Swedish Medical Center is being recognized for their superior performance in organ and tissue donation, as well as tissue donor referrals.

The hospital tops the list of achievement award winners by receiving the 2017 Organ Donation Achievement Award, 2017 Tissue Donation Achievement Award, and the Tissue Donation Referral Achievement Award. Swedish Medical Center is:

- One of 15 hospitals in our four-state service area to receive an Organ Donation Achievement Award. This award is presented to hospitals with a 75 percent donation rate. This rate is achieved through making timely referral calls, collaboration on potential donation cases with LifeCenter Northwest, and maintaining the opportunity for donation.
- One of six hospitals in our four-state service area to receive a Tissue Donation Achievement Award. This award is presented to hospitals who reach or exceed a 75 percent tissue donation rate. Tissue donation is impacted by many factors including timely referral calls, logistics, community education, and outreach. The average tissue donation rate nationally is around 50 percent.
- Three of 26 hospitals in our four-state service area to receive the Tissue Donation Referral Achievement Award. This award is presented to hospitals for reaching or exceeding a referral rate of 90 percent.

These accomplishments translate to more patients receiving a life-saving organ transplant or restored health and function through the healing gift of a tissue graft.

The full list of achievement award recipients are included in LifeCenter Northwest's 2017 Annual Report, which can be viewed at www.lcnw.org.

LifeCenter Northwest is the federally designated organ procurement organization serving Alaska, Montana, North Idaho, and Washington-the largest geographic donation service area in United States. For more information, or to register to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please visit www.lcnw.org.

LifeCenter Northwest is honored to work together with our hospital partners and greatly appreciates the contributions they make every day to help save lives through organ and tissue donation.

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