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NC Department of Administration's License to Give Trust Fund Commission Announces Annual Grant Recipients

Two North Carolina nonprofits receive funds for organ donation education

RALEIGH, N.C. – The NC Department of Administration's License to Give Trust Fund Commission awarded grant-in-aid to two North Carolina nonprofits in support of organ donation education. The recipients are Donate Life North Carolina and the Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care.

"These grants will educate and encourage more North Carolinians statewide to register as organ donors through the NC Division of Motor Vehicles or online at DonateLifeNC.org, and Advance Care Planning," said Commission Chairman Dr. David Leeser. "The ultimate goal of these organizations' efforts are to save the lives of more North Carolinians who are waiting for an organ, eye or tissue transplant and educate North Carolinians about the importance of having advance directives."

Donate Life North Carolina was awarded a project grant for \$275,000. The objective of the project entitled "Erase the Wait NC" is to ensure every North Carolinian has the information and resources needed to make an informed decision about organ, eye and tissue donation, which includes donations from both living and deceased individuals. Donate Life NC will work closely with statewide partners and specific community resources to increase donor rates across the state while continuing to increase the number of people who "say yes" to donation by registering as donors at the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or online at DonateLifeNC.org through DMV Outreach and other program projects. Donate Life NC will focus on education, awareness and advocacy, while aiming to have greater impact in communities with low donor participation.

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care was awarded a grant in the amount of \$35,000 to continue efforts to develop outreach and advocacy training and education with partnering organizations. The project goal is to strengthen and expand the advance directives movement. This includes developing an online tool that maximizes and enhances individual health choices, options and goals through family and friend networks. This will better enable healthcare preferences to be identified and honored when and where needed.

For more information on the License to Give Trust Fund and grant opportunities, visit the <u>website</u> or call 919-715-3837 for details.

About DOA

Established in 1957, the Department of Administration acts as the business manager for North Carolina state government. Under the leadership of Secretary Machelle Sanders since appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2017, the department oversees Government Operations and advocacy programs. The department's advocacy programs provide advocacy, assistance and services to diverse segments of the state's population that have been traditionally underserved.

About the License to Give Trust Fund Commission

Established in 2004, the License to Give Trust Fund Commission manages the policies and guidelines for awarding grants-in-aid to nonprofits, continuing education and awareness activities relating to organ and tissue donation and advance care planning.

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