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Manilatown Center Grand Opening Today ***Rise of the New International Hotel 28 Years After Eviction***

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – The Manilatown Heritage Foundation is happy to announce the opening of the new International Hotel Senior Housing and the Manilatown Center at noon on August 26th. The event also commemorates the 28th anniversary of the historic International Hotel evictions.

The Manilatown Heritage Foundation partnered with the Chinatown Community Development Corporation, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Kearny Street Housing Corporation, and the Mayor's International Hotel Citizen's Advisory Council to accomplish this great victory. In addition to senior housing, the Center will also include a historical exhibit and a performing arts and learning center.

The **California Transplant Donor Network** is also supporting the effort. Patti Johnson, Community Outreach Manager for the Transplant Network said, "We very much want to respond to the community spirit we see here and we'd like our gift to reflect our commitment to the Filipino community." The Transplant Network, along with other contributors, will have their names added to Manilatown Center's *Legacy Wall*, a centerpiece of the Center's art installation.

Fast Facts

More than 88,000 people in the United States are waiting for organ transplants to save their lives. Over 2,300 of them are children under 18. As of April 2005, 8,400 of these men, women and children are in the Transplant Network's Northern and Central California service area.

Each day, more than 17 people – one every 90 minutes – die in the United States because of a shortage of organ donors. One person can save more than seven lives through organ donation, and touch more than 50 others with tissue donation. To become a donor, go to **donateLIFEcalifornia.org**. At this website one can both officially record their wishes to be a donor and notify their family.

California Transplant Donor Network

The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The Transplant Network helps 160 hospitals in 40 Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada counties offer the option of organ and tissue donation to families whose loved ones have died, coordinates deceased organ recovery and placement, and provides public education with the hope that every resident will become a donor. It is federally designated as this region's organ recovery organization. For more information, visit **ctdn.org** or call 1-888-570-9400.

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