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**California Transplant Donor Network receives Peninsula Health Care grant**  
*Money will help register Filipinos as organ and tissue donors*

Peninsula Health Care District, which funds ways to improve the health care of people in the areas of Burlingame, San Mateo, Foster City, Hillsborough, Millbrae and San Bruno, has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the California Transplant Donor Network.

As a link between donor and transplant centers, CTDN will use the money to place informational posters and brochures in health clinics using members of the Filipino community. Filipinos in particular suffer higher instances of some diseases, like diabetes, which can increase the need for organ transplantation. Yet they sign up at a lower rate than others as donors.

“CTDN is proud of our efforts to inspire multicultural communities to save lives through organ and tissue donation. With the success of our Vietnamese and Chinese materials, it only makes sense to develop materials which will speak to our vibrant Filipino community. The large numbers of people from that group on the organ donor waiting list, as well as other Asian Pacific Islanders, make it critical that we succeed in getting more people to register as donors,” said Sandy Shih Andrada, CTDN Community Development Project Manager.

Donation can save lives but there are many more people waiting for organs and tissues than there are donors. In San Mateo County alone, more than 600 people are on a national waiting list for an organ. The heart, lungs, pancreas, kidneys, small intestines and liver can be transplanted, which means a single donor can save eight others. Tissues - including corneas and skins – can enhance the lives of 50 others through tissue donation.



The California Transplant Donor Network saves and improves lives by facilitating organ and tissue donation for transplantation. The California Transplant Donor Network helps 175 hospitals in 41 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. The California Transplant Donor Network is federally designated as the region's organ recovery organization. For information, visit [www.ctdn.org](http://www.ctdn.org).



Donate Life California administers the nonprofit, state-authorized organ and tissue donor registry with the support of California's four nonprofit, federally-designated organ recovery agencies: California Transplant Donor Network, Sierra Donor Services, Lifesharing and OneLegacy.